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ANOTHER SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

AT GOVERNMENT VERNACULAR
MIDDLE SCHOOL

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This forenoon, the annual distribution of prizes took place at the Government Vernacular Middle School in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. The Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o gave a short address.

Head Master's Address

Mr. K. H. Li, the head master, addressed the gathering as follows:— Before reviewing the school work of last year, I am glad to have this opportunity of congratulating Dr. S. W. Ts'o on behalf of this school on his appointment to the Legislative Council. Though his worthy appointment took place in last January, I consider this a most appropriate function at which to offer him our hearty congratulations in the presence of our supporters and friends as well as guardians and students. Dr. Ts'o was one of the most ardent promoters of this school when the scheme for founding this institution was first mooted. Since its establishment in 1926, Dr. Ts'o has been a "Hok Tung" of our school, and in this capacity he has shown untiring interest in our work and progress. Therefore this morning we have the greatest pleasure in welcoming him to preside at our prize-giving.

Staff

Last year we were fortunate in having no change in the teaching staff. On the other hand, our Anglo-Chinese staff was strengthened by the addition of Mr. Tse Chan-yau, an Education graduate of the Hong Kong University.

The maximum enrolment of the year was 191 and average attendance 176.45 as against 208 and 186.31 respectively in 1928.

881 Candidates Refused
Our entrance examination held on January 3, (1929) was attended by 269 candidates, of whom 49 were admitted. It is noteworthy that within four years, since its establishment in 1926, this school has been obliged, on account of lack of accommodation, to refuse admission to 881 candidates.

During the year the school was inspected twice by the Director of Education. On his first inspection he was accompanied by Mr. Yu Wan, and on this occasion we were also honoured by the presence of Mr. P. T. Allen, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in the Straits Settlements.

For medical inspection, Dr. Minnett, the Medical Officer for Schools, visited us in June and November. We are always glad to have her valuable advice.

Six Scholarships

Our school has been particularly fortunate in obtaining the generous support of our friends and well-wishers. At the beginning of the year Mr. Fung Ping-shan presented to our library 159 volumes of Chinese books, and in December gave this school a donation of \$3,000, for the purpose of establishing six scholarships of \$40 each out of the annual interest upon the donation. Two of these scholarships are to be awarded every year to the best two new entrants who gain the highest total marks in the entrance examination for the Middle School Division. The other four are to be given to candidates qualified for the same Division, but financially unable to enter without the assistance of a scholarship. In fact, it was very kind of Mr. Fung to ask me how many scholarships I wanted, and he was prepared to give as many as necessary, but owing to the small number of candidates qualified for the Middle School Division every year, I was satisfied with six for the time being. I am sure all present here this morning will endorse my expression of cordial thanks for his generosity.

Gift of 140 Volumes

We are also grateful to the Pan Hok-tun, a body of gentlemen now represented by Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. Kwok Xau-ling, for the presentation of 140 volumes of Chinese books and for the continuation of their Middle School and Normal Scholarships, which have been very encouraging and helpful to students who have benefited by these kind gifts.

No less gratitude is due to Mr. Kwok Fung-tung of Shanghai, who in February presented us through the parcel post with another 120 volumes of Chinese books. As you already know, in 1928, the major part of our Chinese Library was

NEW THREAT TO WUCHOW

IRONSIDES JOIN UP WITH
KWANGSI REBELS

GOVERNMENT'S PLAN

Another chapter in the intermittent war between Kwangtung and Kwangsi appears to have been entered upon for a wireless report from a well-informed source in Wuchow, the port of Kwangsi, reads:—

"It is stated that General Chang Pak-kuei has rallied the remnants of his troops (the Ironsides, who were driven out of Kwangtung) and that a junction with his co-rebels, the Kwangsi-ites, has been effected. The combined action is believed to be threatening Wuchow (which the Cantonese loyalists hold).

"Communication between Wuchow and Nanking (further up the West River) has been severed but the situation in Wuchow remains quiet."

The China Mail learns that the military authorities have requisitioned a large number of small native craft for use on the West River, probably to effect withdrawal (with the possible evacuation of Wuchow) in order to shorten the line of communication with Canton and thereby stiffen the resistance against the rebels.

made up of presentation books from Mr. Kwok Fung-tung.

Last but not least, we are indebted to Mr. Tang Shiu-kin for sending us for examination some selected students of the Tung Wah free schools, with a view to supporting two by giving them Tung Wah Hospital Scholarships as instituted in 1928. But I regret to say that none of them was found fit for our First Year Normal Class.

Vernacular Teachers

Last November the two students in our top class sat for the Special Matriculation of the Chinese School of the University, and one was successful. Of the 12 Final Normal students examined by Government examiners in December, seven passed, and they are to be awarded teacher-certificates this morning.

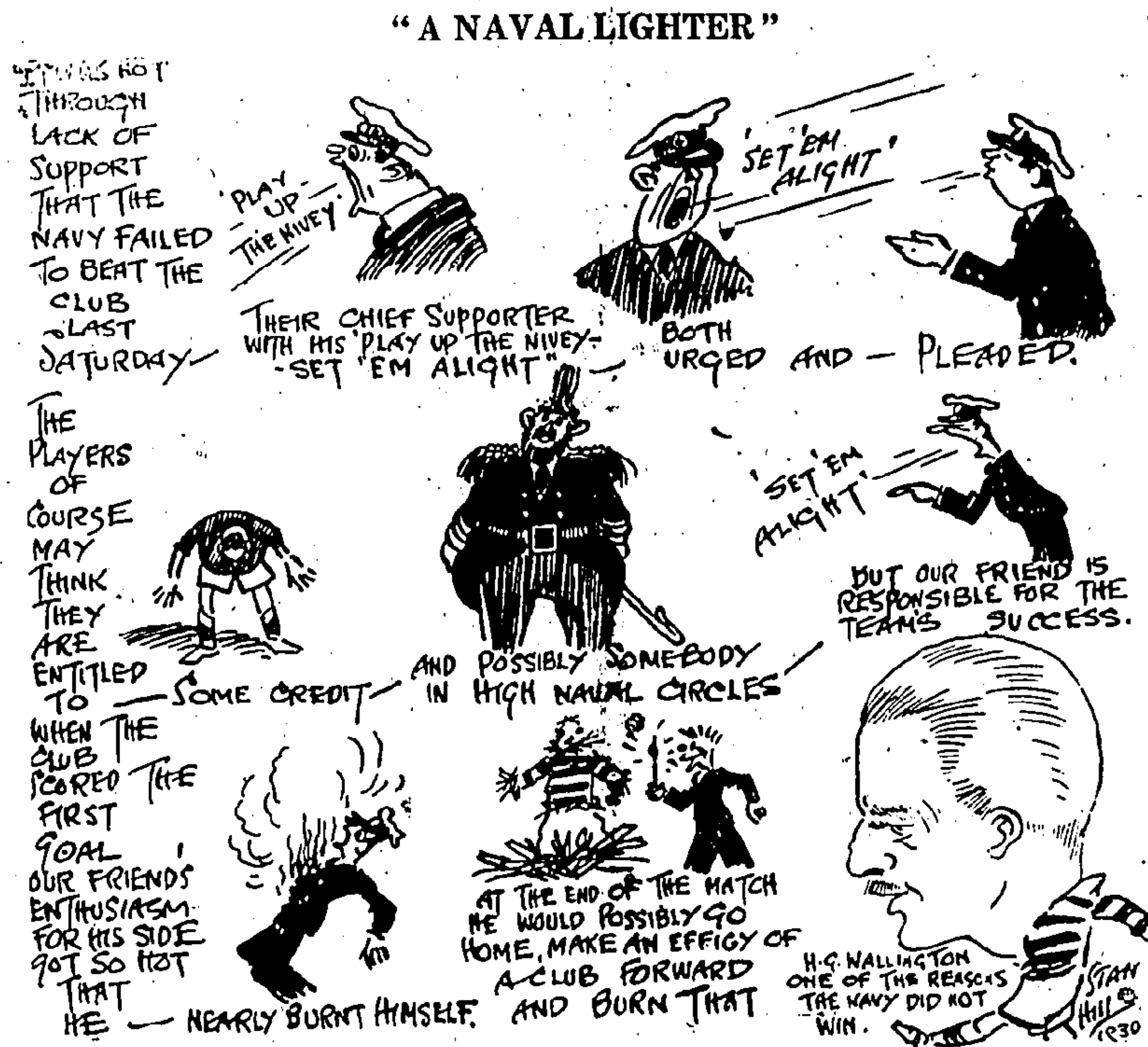
It is gratifying to note that besides those chosen for teaching posts under the Government, these certificate-winners are generally engaged every year by private schools in the Colony, almost immediately after their examination results are known. Therefore the Normal Division has the important work of producing a young generation of vernacular teachers for the colony. The name of our school might be somewhat misleading to the general public. So I feel I should take this opportunity to explain some of the work of our Middle School Division. Besides aiming at a high standard in Confucian Classics, Chinese Literature and Chinese History, this Division is taught English, European History, Geography, and Mathematics up to the Junior Local standard, while Physics, Chemistry and Economics are not neglected in our curriculum. With a fair grounding in modern subjects, students of this Division are helped to understand their Chinese studies more intelligently from the modern point of view. The object is to preserve the best of our Chinese learning, and at the same time not to neglect modern studies through the British medium. Consequently the work of this school is well worth the labour and devotion of the whole staff.

Chinese painting is taught to six of our classes. Our young painters sent a collection of their school exercises to the Inter-School Art Exhibition held by the Commercial Press in May, and several of their exhibits met with public appreciation. For this success I must congratulate Mr. Wong Pun-yau, the Art Master.

Sphere of Sport

In the sphere of sport the students did their level best this year. Again our Senior Volley Ball Team was sent to compete for the Championship of the Hong Kong School League, and again they retained the honour with King's College. Being stimulated by the success of their seniors last year, the younger boys also asked to participate in League matches. As a sort of experiment, we entered a Small Boys' team in the Hong Kong School Volley Ball League. And in spite of the lack of space and time for training, our youngsters also turned out runners-up. Such results are gratifying when we take into consideration our little triangular ground for practice. In football we had nine

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LADY LAMPSON

Laid to Rest at Happy
Valley

BISHOP CONDUCTS SERVICE

Floral tributes in profusion, some of great beauty, marked the spot in the Cemetery at Happy Valley where a distinguished visitor in the person of Lady Lampson, wife of Sir Miles Lampson (British Minister to China) was buried yesterday. The funeral ceremony was entirely of a private character, such having been the wish expressed by the bereaved husband.

The Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.) conducted the graveside service, assisted by the Dean of St. John's (Very Rev. A. Swann, D.S.O.).

Among the mourners were noticed Sir Miles Lampson with Mr. J. C. Sterndale Bennett, C.M.G., M.C., H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir C. Clementi, K.C.M.G.), H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, China Station (Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, K.C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Mr. G. S. Moss (British Consul-General, Canton), Lt.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O. (representing the Inspector-General, Chinese Maritime Customs), members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hong Kong, etc.

Wreaths were sent by the Committee and members of the British Chamber of Commerce and China Committee, Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. R. Calder-Marshall, Shanghai; the Committee and members, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce; China Association, and the Girl Guides' Association of Hong Kong. In connection with the latter tribute the China Mail learns that Lady Lampson was keenly interested in the Girl Guides' movement and intended, whilst in the Colony, to suggest the appointment of a corresponding secretary to link up Hong Kong and Peking and vice versa. It may be a thoughtful act of courtesy on the part of the local Girl Guides' Association to give effect at an early date to Lady Lampson's wish in this respect.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has appointed Mr. Clifford Norton to be his Private Secretary in place of Mr. G. N. M. Eland, who has been appointed Counsellor of His Majesty's Embassy in Brussels.—British Wireless Service.

AIRCRAFT MOORING

In the absence of any special arrangement the charge for using the Commercial Section of the Hong Kong Government Aerodrome at Kowloon Bay, including any buoy-belonging thereto, will be \$1 for each period of the aircraft's visit to the Colony.

SENTENCE ON HATRY

END OF A SENSATIONAL
TRIAL

LONG TERMS GIVEN

London, Yesterday.

Hatry has been sentenced to 14 years' penal servitude; Daniels seven years; Dixon five years; and Tabor three years.

The sentences in each case will include two years' hard labour, running concurrently with the main sentence.

Judge's Scathing Comment

Rugby, Yesterday.

The trial concluded to-day of Clarence Hatry and his three co-defendants, Daniels, Dixon and Tabor, on charges of extensive for-

EXTRALITY TEST CASE

Naval Officer Placed Under
Arrest

Hankow, Yesterday.

The first extrality test case was held here to-day when Paymaster Commander McBride, of the Naval Office, last night whilst driving a car, ran over a Chinese boy, aged 16, riding a cycle, and killed him. Comdr. McBride was arrested by the Chinese police and taken to the City. Later he was released by the Mayor, Mr. Liu, after consular representations had been made.—Reuter.

geries and frauds involving large sums of money. The main counts against the defendants, who were all directors of what was known as the Hatry group of companies, were that they conspired together to forge certificates of stock of the Corporation of Swinton, Gloucester and Wakefield, on which they raised £789,000, and that they fraudulently withheld or appropriated a further sum of £822,000 which they received for the genuine stock of those corporations.

The case came to a dramatic termination to-day, when all the defendants withdrew their pleas of not guilty and pleaded guilty.

Mr. Justice Aveling passed a sentence of penal servitude of 14 years on Hatry, seven years on Daniels, five years on Dixon, and three years on Tabor. Various sentences on other counts were imposed, but they run concurrently. The effect of them is that during the first two years of his main sentence each prisoner will undergo hard labour. The Judge described the frauds as the most appalling that have ever defiled the commercial reputation of

INDIAN AFFAIRS

End of Disobedience
Campaign

FARMERS RELEASED

Bombay, Yesterday.

The dispute in Khatkharachi has been settled. The participants in the civil disobedience campaign have withdrawn and the farmers, who have been released, declare themselves satisfied.—Reuter.

[A Bombay cable of January 19 stated—Gandhi has bestowed his blessing on the passive resistance campaign at Khatkharachi village in Malia State, Kathiawar, where the farmers for some time past have been stubbornly resisting the system of "forced labour" and have been refusing to pay certain taxes. Several conflicts between the farmers and the police have already occurred, and recently eighteen farmers were placed under arrest in connection with the trouble. Gandhi has now consented to despatch a large force of "passive resistance volunteers" of both sexes with the idea of assisting the farmers in their campaign.]

this country.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Cables

London, Yesterday.

When the trial of Hatry and his associates was resumed this morning at the Old Bailey, before Mr. Justice Aveling, all four defendants withdrew their pleas of not guilty and pleaded "guilty" to the indictment of forging and uttering certificates in respect of Swinton, Gloucester and Wakefield Corporation stock.

The Attorney-General (Sir William Jowett, K.C., M.P.) for the Crown stated that the defendants raised £789,000 by bogus certificates relating to the stock of these corporations. Furthermore they failed to pay £822,000 to the said corporations for genuine stock.

The jury, on the Judge's direction, returned a formal verdict of "guilty" against each accused.

Arguments in respect of the other indictments are proceeding.

Certain Charges Dismissed

Subsequently Tabor was formally found not guilty of charges in respect of dealings in shares of the Drapery Trust, the Associated Automatic Machine Corporation, the Austin Friars Trust and the Corporation and General Securities Dundee Trust.

Hatry's "Nobility"

The crowded Court listened in tense silence to an emotional speech by Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., on behalf of Hatry, whose action, according to counsel, showed a "shining desire to protect other people."

When Galdini (as Indian Director of the Trust, who is safe in Italy) first suggested fraudulent duplication of stock, Mr. Hatry threatened to blow out his brains on the spot, if the decision was not taken immediately to transfer the shares. Counsel asserted that the other defendants protested, but Hatry assured them that he was undertaking negotiations which would enable the duplicate stock to be immediately redeemed. "Those negotiations were actually successful but they were too late,"—Reuter.

NAVAL EXPERTS ALL OPTIMISTIC

DELEGATES SATISFIED WITH
PROGRESS MADE

PREMIER BUSY

Rugby, Yesterday.

The delegates to the Naval Conference express satisfaction with the progress so far made in getting the machinery of the conference in working order. The Prime Minister and the heads of the other delegations are following the plan of getting their problems brought under active consideration by the interested parties. For this purpose to-day there were several informal meetings.

This morning the full delegations of France and the United Kingdom met at 10, Downing Street to consider the report which the committee of experts had been asked to prepare. A communique stated that this report shows encouraging results on certain points and it was decided to invite the experts to continue their conversations. After the member of the French delegation had withdrawn, the Italian delegates were received by the Prime Minister and other members of the United Kingdom delegation, and the general business of the United Kingdom delegation, and the general business of the conference was discussed.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News

Further informal meetings of delegates to the Naval Conference were held this morning. The French delegates attended at the Prime Minister's official residence and remained in conference with him for about an hour. The Japanese delegates were later met by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson and by the principal Dominion delegates to discuss certain aspects of the problems. Shortly before noon, the Prime Minister had a further meeting with Signor Grandi.

This afternoon, after dealing with some matters of domestic politics, the Prime Minister will leave for Chequers where he will spend the week-end.

At the conclusion of the meeting held at the Prime Minister's official residence this morning the following communique was issued:

"The French and British delegations met this morning to consider a report which a committee of experts had been asked to prepare.

"This report shows encouraging results on certain points and it was decided to invite the experts to continue their conversations."—British Wireless Service.

Press Must Attend

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Stimson addressing a gathering of pressmen referred to his disappointment at the absence of the Press from yesterday's conference.

Mr. Stimson said he saw no reason for it, except lack of space. He was going to recommend that the American delegation give up three seats to enable three American News Agencies to be represented in future and he hoped other delegations would follow suit.—Reuter.

Guildhall Banquet

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Lord Mayor of London welcomed the delegations at a reception and banquet at the Guild Hall last night.

In proposing a toast of success to the Conference the Lord Mayor referred to the great task before the delegates.

He said, "There are, of course, numerous difficulties, some obvious and some obscure, but none of them ought to be insuperable if approached in a spirit of business, commonsense, goodwill and co-operation."

"The French Premier, Monsieur Tardieu, responding on behalf of the Foreign delegations said, 'We are the servants of peace and it is our hope on the one hand to diminish, by suitable agreements, the danger of conflict, and on the other to make peace less onerous and more secured by reducing the burden which unlimited competition in naval expenditure has imposed upon the world. If we are all driving for the same goal, how shall we fail to reach agreement in regard to means?' Observing that they desired that the magnitude of the enterprise should be appreciated he nevertheless declared in the name of all—Ameri-

OLD RESIDENT'S DEATH

CAPT. ARTHUR PASSES AWAY
IN HIS SLEEP

FUNERAL TO-MORROW

We regret to have to announce the death of Capt. George Duncan Macpherson Arthur, Junior partner in the firm of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors.

Capt. Arthur had been in indifferent health. He retired for the night without showing any signs of illness, and death must have occurred whilst in his sleep. According to medical opinion death took place at about 2 a.m.

He resided on the top floor of No. 38B, Nathan Road.

Capt. Arthur, who was about 55 years of age, had been a resident in the Colony for about ten years. For several years past he was associated with Capt. T. G. H. Brayfield in the business of marine surveyors under the name of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke.

The funeral will take place at the Protestant Cemetery to-morrow afternoon, passing the Monument at 4 o'clock. His body has in the meantime been removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Torpedoed Twice

In addition to his experience with pirates, Captain Arthur was twice torpedoed by German submarines when on service during the Great War. On the latter occasion, his ship, the "Trollius," had only left port 24 hours. It is recalled, as Commander in the Blue Funnel fleet, his last ship was the "Laomedon," which is well known in Hong Kong.

In 1920 Captain Arthur joined the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and, about two years later, became associated with Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke.

He was in command of several Blue Funnel steamers prior to his settling down in Hong Kong, and was well-known in many ports. He leaves a wife and children at home to mourn his loss, and for whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

Capt. Arthur may well be remembered for the good work done in saving the s.s. Kowach at Wangmum about two years ago. He spent several days on the job, sleeping on a lighter, and, whilst he was thus engaged, he was attacked by a party of bandits who went to the wreck to plunder the cargo.

Captain Arthur was a native of Devonshire. The widow is at Home. Of the children, the daughter is married and the son is at school.

Having been in indifferent health for some time, Captain Arthur will be mourned by a large circle of friends in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

The following tenders have been accepted by the Government:—
Mr. Man Gang, \$7,881.50 for formation of site and road at (A) Fung Yuen.

Messrs. Hop Hing & Son, \$2,683.50 for formation of site and road at (B) Fan Chung and (C) Mui Sha Ha.

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cane, French, British, Italians and Japanese—that they counted upon success.

Long Vision Needed

"My country above all others is less able to understand the great colonial role played by Great Britain in the light of our own broader colonial experience. We must have long vision. Our difficulties are rather in our habits of thought than in our habits of questions themselves. We shall, however, overcome them."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who proposed the toast of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, said that the Conference had need of "a strange combination of business idealism, of political wisdom and of capacity to understand what was essential to the foundation of national greatness."—British Wireless Service.

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CHICAGO MARU Friday, 7th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Saturday, 1st February.
KABADO MARU Tuesday, 18th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from
Shanghai.
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) Sunday, 2nd February.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
HIMALAYA MARU Friday, 7th February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Fakh.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 6th Feb., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAN IN PORTS.
MADAGASCAR MARU Saturday, 25th January.
AMAZON MARU Saturday, 25th January.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

THE TRAFFIC LINKS OF EMPIRE

THE SUEZ CANAL AND THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

OPPOSITION

The anniversary of the opening of the Suez Canal sixty years ago has a very interesting repercussion on the problem of the Channel Tunnel to-day. Incredible as it now appears after sixty years, the construction of the Suez Canal, which has become one of the most important links of the British Empire, was bitterly opposed

would use his influence with the Porte to get this approval, he replied with an emphatic negative:—

It is an undertaking which I believe in point of commercial character may be deemed to rank among the many bubble schemes that from time to time have been palmed upon gullible capitalists. I have been informed on what I believe to be reliable authority that at an expense which would be far too great to warrant any expectation of any returns.

Happily, in spite of this extraordinary attitude on the part of British officials and the Prime Minister of Great Britain, M. de Lesseps was able to go ahead and build his canal. Not long after it was built, the British Government, under the inspiration of

existence, and is ready to start work on the tunnel directly it receives permission from the British Government. That permission is still withheld. In March last Mr. Baldwin, then Prime Minister, appointed a Committee to inquire into the matter.

What lines the report will be on, and what issues the Committee is considering are not known. The main issues have long been under public discussion. The great advantage of a tunnel would be that it would enable goods and passengers to be sent from Britain to the continent of Europe without the delay that is involved in changing from rail to steamer. This would beneficially affect not only our traffic with France, but also with Belgium, Holland and Germany, and probably the whole of central and also with eastern Europe. Not only would this linking up of rail services improve our continental trade, but it would also benefit our overseas trade.

At present for example, a good many Americans visiting Europe via French ports avoid including Britain in their tour because they



Here is an exclusive picture taken from the air of the she founded on her first trip to Boston where her Siala, Edsel Ford's new \$400,000 yacht, pounding to masser awaited. One seaman was drowned and two pieces on the reefs off New Bedford, Mass., where others hurt in the rescue.

ed by British officials and politicians when the idea of the Canal was first suggested, writes Harold Cox in the Sunday Times. M. de Lesseps, to whom the world owes the Suez Canal, necessarily had to begin by securing the approval of the Egyptian Government; he immediately encountered the opposition of the British Government. As early as 1854 we find the British representative in Cairo writing to Downing Street expressing strong disapproval of the scheme, especially on the ground that the Canal would separate Egypt from the Turkish Empire, of which it then formed a part.

A few months later the Foreign Office writes to the British representative in Constantinople strongly pressing his political objection to the construction of the Canal, and crudely saying that M. de Lesseps must have political objects in view, for otherwise he would not be pushing a scheme that was financially hopeless. A later letter from the Foreign Office goes into more details, and enumerates numbers of objections that then seemed to obsess the minds of British officials. Among other points in this letter is the statement that "such a canal would be constantly receiving blowing sand; a constant expense would be incurred in getting out of the Canal the sand which would constantly be blown into it again." On such arguments as this the British Foreign Office came to the conclusion that the Canal could not be a profitable commercial proposition.

Palmerston's Negative On the other hand, the French Government from the outset took a favourable view of M. de Lesseps's project and pointed out in correspondence with the British Government that the canal would be beneficial to the trade of Great Britain as well as to the rest of the world. The scheme also obtained the approval of the Viceroy of Egypt, who granted a concession to Ferdinand de Lesseps to construct the canal. As Egypt was then part of the Turkish Empire it was necessary that this concession should receive the approval of the Porte, but when Lord Palmerston was asked in the House of Commons in July, 1857, whether he

Disraeli, bought up the shares held by the Khedive of Egypt—probably one of the best financial as well as political, investments the British Government has ever made.

Military Objections

Yet, just in the same way as British politicians and British officials opposed the construction of the Suez Canal, so they are now opposing the construction of the Channel Tunnel. Again and again successive governments have vetoed the project. The last veto came from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in 1924, given on the advice of the Imperial Committee of Defence. Some of our soldiers—happily not all—seem to be obsessed with the idea that the existence of a tunnel would weaken our national defences. They honestly admit that if we had warning of war the tunnel would constitute no danger at all, because it could be so easily put out of action, but some of them argue that if the tunnel were constructed it might at any moment be used in time of profound peace when there was no suggestion of war in the atmosphere, for the purpose of invading Britain. The answer is, that though countries have often committed acts of war without a formal declaration of war, these acts have only been committed when international relations were seriously strained and the countries concerned were fully conscious of the possibility of war.

Equally important is the consideration that the particular risk that these over-anxious soldiers contemplate has ceased to be of any appreciable importance since the development of flying. If it is true that the countries will commit acts of war in time of profound peace then at any moment we may expect London to be attacked, and perhaps completely destroyed by an air invasion.

London to Cape Town Leaving aside these alleged military dangers, there remains the practical question of commerce and finance. Very wisely, the advocates of a Channel Tunnel expressly refrain from asking for any financial assistance from the Government towards its construction. A Channel Tunnel Company has been for some time in

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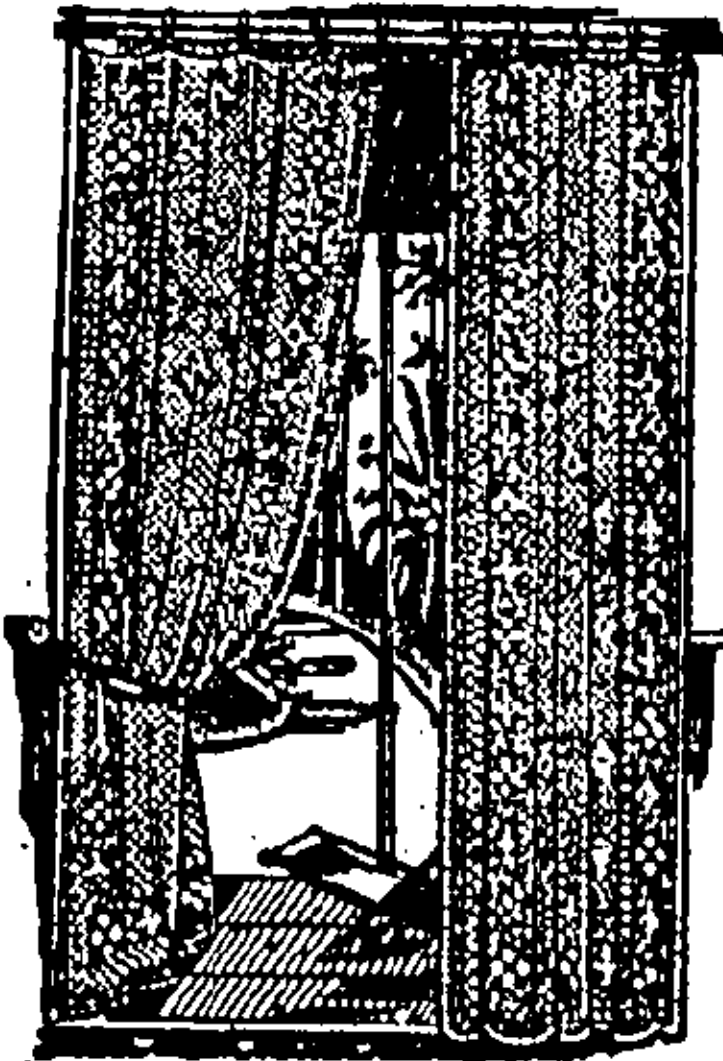
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DEATH

ARTHUR—Capt. George Duncan
Macpherson Arthur, at his re-
sidence, 88B, Nathan Road,
this morning, of heart failure;
aged 55 years.—The funeral
will take place to-morrow
(Sunday), passing the Monu-
ment at 4 p.m.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 25, 1930.

STILL WATERS

Reference to the
A Haggis Haggis at the
Story Burns Dinner last
night recalls a
happy "skip" that appeared in a
local weekly 24 years ago, where-
in it was facetiously recorded:
"Several Scotties called on me in
a body, gammoned me up about
my powers of organisation gen-
erally, and finally got me to write
to Edinburgh for a subscription
Haggis. They said this Haggis—
though never so genuine a one—
wouldn't eat thoroughly Haggis-
like unless exploded or opened (or
whatever is the term for letting
Haggis loose) in my rooms. The
Scottish subscribers voted with
enthusiasm that as Secretary to
that Haggis, I was fully em-
powered to order the whisky and,
in fact, I was given full financial
powers in the matter. There's
to be no stint," said the General
Committee "grasping my hand
cordially. There wasn't either!
We let the Haggis loose in the
middle of the day. I've never seen
so much refreshment taken at
one single session. The genial
subscribers sucked up whisky
like sponges. The proposer of the
Haggis called for silence at last.
Hiding his face he reminded the
company that they were indebted
to him for the Haggis."

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first time in their
history, are to be
taken seriously. It
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who buy bananas and sing "Yes,
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Treated stalks, ready for applica-

getting the Haggis. He felt they
could not possibly leave without
thanking me for my generous
little thought in asking them
round, and wound up by drinking
my health with musical honours.
As each guest left he pressed my
hand warmly and said "Thank
you, old fellow." It was said that
the effect of the Haggis tiffin was
to turn me a bright blue. I turned
a jolly sight bluer when it
dawned on me that the thanks of
that Haggis Committee were in
lieu of subscriptions! If I'd been
a genuine Scotsman such a thing
would never have happened!"

Cruelty to chickens
Cruelty to still persists, and,
Poultry, no doubt, will for
ever. Practically

daily in the Police Courts, ignor-
ant—perhaps some are!—Chin-
ese, men and women, young and
old, get fined and pay the penalty,
and so this state of affairs goes
on. In a British Colony, one
would expect the law to be
stronger—in instances of cruelty
—and the penalty heavier. Yet,
when a hawk is arrested for
obstruction, he or she—be it the
first offence, or, if they have no
licence—has the finger prints
taken, and on the second offence,
down pounces the paw of penalty
and the fine is nearly doubled.
Now, should this course not also
apply to one who is caught
carrying a chicken, or a duck, by
its wings, or legs, or cruelty to
pigs: in a crate without
matting. Weekly about 40
to 50 Chinese are fined for
obstruction at their respective
shops or stalls in the street, and
this fine has risen from \$2 to
\$4 or even \$5. These Chinese
are a cunning lot, because they
know very well that if they are
arrested for cruelty to poultry,
what is the result?—only a fine
of \$5 or \$10. That fine is too
common and more should be
made of the alternative of—say,
one week in jail. That would
perhaps teach them that per-
sistent cruelty to poultry will not
be tolerated in a British Colony.

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tion, are to be sent to some of
London's leading hospitals. Be-
fore the banana stalks are ready
for use they have to be given a
strong dose of ultra-violet rays,
which restores to them all the
vitamins they have lost in
storage. Mr. Crowther related
how he came to make his dis-
covery. As he spoke the banana
stalks, reviving gradually under
the influence of powerful lamps,
appeared to turn from dark
brown to a handsome bronze
gold.

"I wanted to find a
War-time certain wash for
Memory some cleaning mix-
tures I was invent-
ing," said Mr. Crowther, "when
I suddenly thought I might ob-
tain it from banana skins. I re-
membered how fond young offi-
cers were in war-time of banana
skins, because they cleaned their
boots and belts so well. The
banana stalks were laid in a great
pile in a yard. Some days later
a man working for me turned
them over. He worked on the
pile for two or three days in suc-
cession, and at the end of that
time came running to me, sur-
prised. The eczema on one of
his hands had completely dis-
appeared, and his hands were un-
stained. Each week about 98,000
of these stalks are thrown away
by fruit merchants as waste pro-
ducts. The banana stalks are
strapped on the patient like
plasters, and left there. When
the strapping is undone nothing
remains of the stalks except some
dry powder. The patient is com-
pletely cured."—The next time
we visit the Central Market we'll
pick up all the banana stalks we
find and set up in business—as a
quack!

News in Brief

The name of Dr. Chan Ping-in,
M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), of the
Nethersole Hospital, has been added
to the local medical register.

Mr. Woo Hang-kam (otherwise
H. K. Woo) has been re-appointed
a member of the Board of Education
for a further term of two years.

In the name and on behalf of
H.M. the King, H.E. the Governor
has given his assent to Ordinance
No. 3 of 1930 (to amend further
the Opium Ordinance).

The appointment of Mother Mar-
guerite de Saint Paul, Nuss, in
succession to Mother Felicie, as
Mother Superior in Hong Kong of
the Soeurs de Saint Paul de Char-
lottes, has received official notifica-
tion.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

The Naval Conference: King Dislikes Spinnakers: Liberal Whips: Novelists Go South: Bridge Reflections:
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King and Naval Conference
THE fact that the King, notwith-
standing his present temporary
abstention from the more formal
State functions, should have as-
sented to open the Naval Confer-
ence, is characteristic of his
Majesty's close and sustained in-
terest in naval matters, even of a
highly technical character.

Throughout the Naval Confer-
ence which was held at Washing-
ton in the autumn of 1921, the
King did not miss a single one of
the reports telegraphed to the
Prime Minister and Cabinet, or to
the Foreign Office and Board of
Admiralty, by the British dele-
gates and their naval advisers.
He read them, daily or twice daily,
with unfailing regularity and
despatch.

Dislike of Submarines

BOTH on professional grounds, as
a naval officer of wide experience,
and on humane grounds, because of
the terrible loss of life involved by
the sinking of a hopelessly out-
dated, with its numerous crew, at
the height of a modern sea-fight, his
Majesty, welcomed the decision of
the Conference to limit the size and
therefore the complements of cap-
ital ships.

What is perhaps more widely known
is King George's dislike, which he
shares with most British sailors, of
the submarine, also on grounds of
humanity and civility.

MANKIND TO CONTROL DESTINY

"DEATH IS NOT NECESSARY"

(By Professor F. A. E. Crew)

THERE are no mysteries of life
and death—only ignorance. It
is of the utmost importance that
we should free ourselves once and
for all of the notion that death is
a necessary attribute or an in-
evitable consequence of life.

It has been abundantly demon-
strated that life can, and does,
continue without ceasing. Given
appropriate and necessary condi-
tions of environment, eternal youth
is in fact a reality for a number of
forms.

It is possible to take a fat
worm, and, by repeated processes
of starvation, keep it alive twenty
times longer than it would have
lived in the ordinary way.

Similar treatment in the case of
a man might bring about similar
rejuvenation, but I doubt it.
Starvation has a different effect
upon the human mechanism and is
apt to throw it out of gear. It is
a fact that the process of individ-
uals in appropriate circumstances
to develop respiratory and cir-
culatory diseases is ingrained in
the constitution.

This harmony in both systems
accounts for the majority of natural
deaths. These are the laggards
evolution—the rest are still able to
fulfill their functions without
deterioration.

Are we to wait the evolution of
a type with efficient heart and
lungs; are we to set about the tasks
of breeding such a type, or are we
to seek and gain the knowledge of
repairing the deficiencies of the in-
herited endowments of individ-
uals by means of a personal and
social engineering?

Thyroid extract and ultra-violet
rays are but the forerunners of the
vast powers which mankind

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by recent legislation, in the Arms
Ordinance, the regulation made by
the Governor-in-Council, headed
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the Supreme Court lasts from
January 30 to February 3, both days
inclusive, when the offices will be
open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. except
on public holidays. This does not
apply to the Criminal Sessions.

At the annual meeting of the St.
Andrew's Club held last night
in the Church hall, the following
were elected officers:—Chairman
—The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, Hon.
Secretary—Mr. Richard H. Wong.
Hon. Treasurer (ex-officio)—Miss
Margaret White. Committee—Mr.
R. Baldwin, Miss E. Bliss, Mr.
N. A. E. MacKay, Miss W. Robin-
son, Mr. F. V. Wong, Mr. R. H. A.
Woolley.

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with the conduct of Sir William
Edge, the member for Bosworth, in
the division on the Coal Bill.
As Deputy Chief Whip, it was to
be expected that Sir William would
exert himself to get every one of
his men into the lobby against the
second reading. In fact, despite his leader's
devastating attack on the measure,
he himself lined up with the Socialists
in support of it.

There is a large mining element in
Bosworth, but one is reluctant to
believe that such a consideration in-
fluenced Sir William's action.

The latitude which is claimed by
the ordinary Liberal M.P. can hardly
be exercised by one holding the re-
sponsible office of Whip, and Liberals
are finding it difficult to see how one
who has himself fallen so signally
short of the requirements of party
discipline can continue in a position in
which he is required to impose it on
others.

A Literary Exodus

MOST of the British well-known
literary people appear to have
gone, or to be going, abroad.
Mr. H. G. Wells has gone
to Grasse, and Mr. Galsworthy
to Majorca; Mr. Bernard Shaw
seeks the warmth of another island;
how many more people are—and
Miss Rebecca West will soon be leav-
ing for the south of France.

The last named sits up all night to
finish articles for the Press, and one
can only hope that she and her
secretary will contrive a shorter
working week when they are going.

A Strange Bridge Incident

TO all who are tired of long treatises
on the intricacies of bridge and
even of non-players, I would recom-
mend a book which I have just read,
"Reflections of a Bridge Player," by
Lieut. Colonel Walter R. R. R.

ultimately will control. At the pre-
sent time individuals cease to live
when the initial store of energy
which they inherited is dissipated.

Lost Energy
As yet this lost energy cannot be
restored. The reason for this is
that we know nothing of the nature
of the energy and nothing of the
means of reinforcing it.

The water-borne animal may
continue to grow indefinitely, but
swiftly-moving land animals must
maintain a definite relation between
body and the cross sectional areas of
their bones and muscles.

Before puberty man shows ad-
dition in weight in equal intervals
of time in geometrical progression,
but after puberty additions in
weight occur in arithmetical pro-
gression. In fish the annual in-
crement remains positive; in man
the difference in weight actually
becomes negative, and after the
twenty-eighth year or so there is a
constant net loss of weight of pro-
tein amounting annually to about 8
per cent. of the weight at 28.

Living For Ever
We grow up and then we grow
down. If we can subtract the in-
evitable yearly loss, it would be pos-
sible to see when a man would die.
At the moment a man can slightly
prolong his life or slightly reduce it.
He cannot profoundly affect the time
at which he is doomed to die. He
has cause to know the causes of age-
ing, the cause of the loss of the
proteins and gets to know the
methods by which that loss may be
replaced. Thus he may prolong his
life indefinitely.

As knowledge increases, as in-
crease it must, so also will man's
power over his physical environment
and over the mechanism that is him-
self. Science, as well as religion,
affirms that in the future mankind
may, if it be so desired, not only re-
main permanently youthful, but also
may live for ever.

The opinion of the scientist is no
more extravagant than the creed of
the theologian. The scientist will
give to mankind the power to control
the mechanism that drives him to
his destiny. Mankind will be able
to choose for himself what that des-
tiny shall be. What shall it be.
That is the question that we must
answer.

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Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail"
January 25, 1920.]

Rents—If the Government were
really in earnest and not afraid
of the "Gang," it could do good
work with a stroke of the pen, in
the shape of a Rent Restriction Bill.
No matter what may have been said
to the contrary, there is profiteer-
ing in rents going on, and Chinese
owners are not the only offenders.

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In the chapter on strange occur-
rences, the author tells how he lost
eight rubbers running, won the ninth,
and got up a winner.
Another incident concerns two expert
players and two mediocre players.
The two experts "cut" together, where-
upon one of the others remarked,
"Well, it's Gentlemen v. Players!"
The result can be imagined.

The Combative Veteran

COLONEL Buller's tale of two old
gentlemen coming to blows at the
table reminded one of the story of the
late Lord Fitz Warrine, Chichester,
who died recently, aged 94.
When Lord Fitz Warrine was about
90, he was sitting, as was his custom,
in the Carlton Club. Suddenly a
member of the King's Household,
whom he, owing to some family feud,
detested, walked in, having just been
elected.

Whereupon the veteran Lord Fitz
Warrine rose from his armchair, took
off his coat, and said, in much earlier
Georgian language, "Come outside
and fight!" For ever afterwards he
dubbed the newly-elected member a
coward.

Dawes and Dawes

WITH Mr. Sheriff, M. Barbusse, and
probably Herr Anton Zweig as
guests, the Old and Young P.E.N. (the
fountain-pen and the nib, the pen and
the pencil, &c.) had a very inter-
esting dinner on January 7.
This is the one meal in the year at
which ancient and modern meet.
An amusing incident occurred at the
previous gathering of the P.E.N. Mr.
Dawes, the nephew of the American
Ambassador, was expected and a Mr.
Dawes was announced. He mystified
all hosts by saying that he had lived
in Britain all his life and had never
met General Dawes. The mystery
was explained when another Mr.
Dawes arrived, and Mr. R. H. A. R.
claimed the first as his guest.

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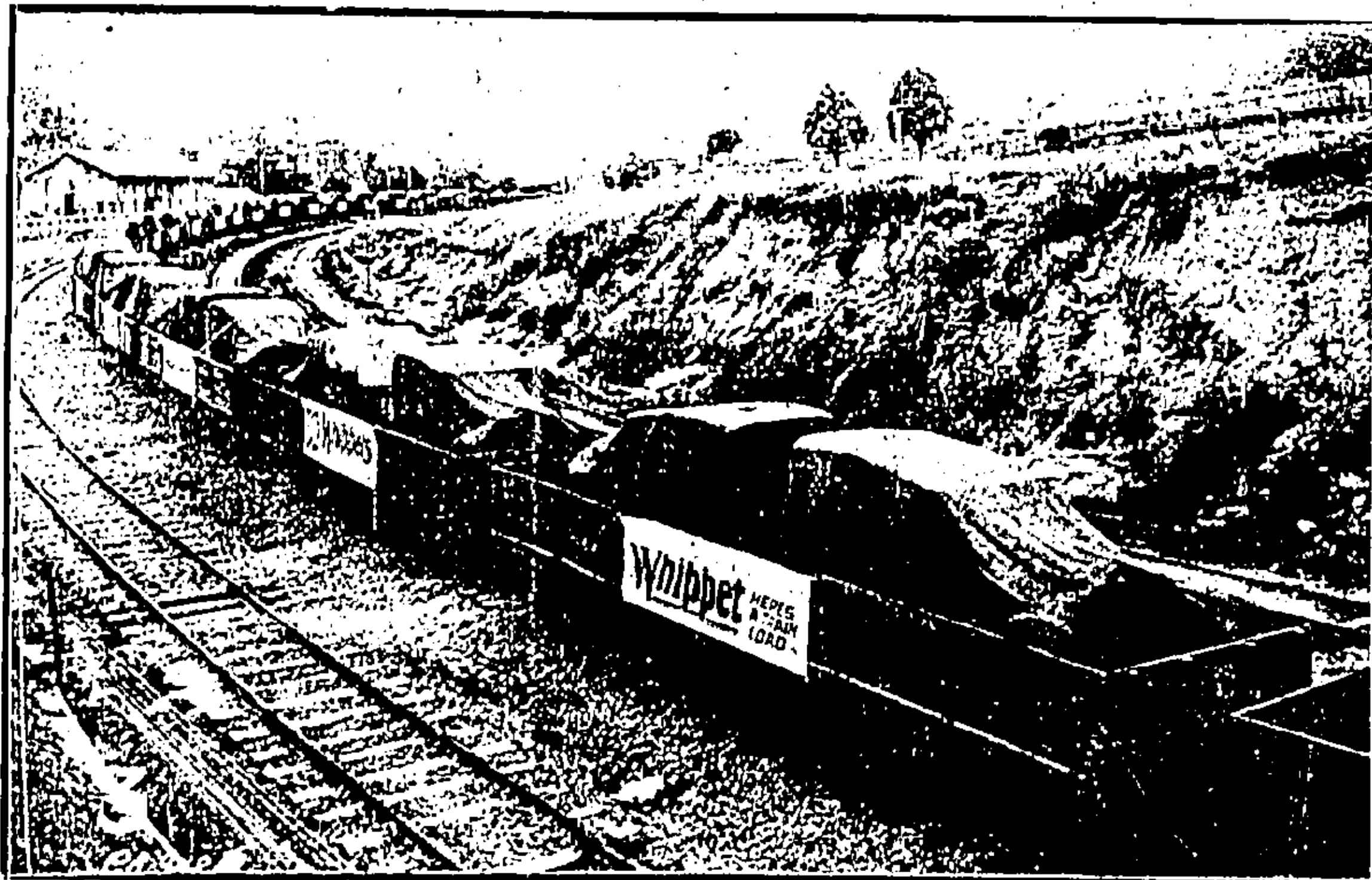
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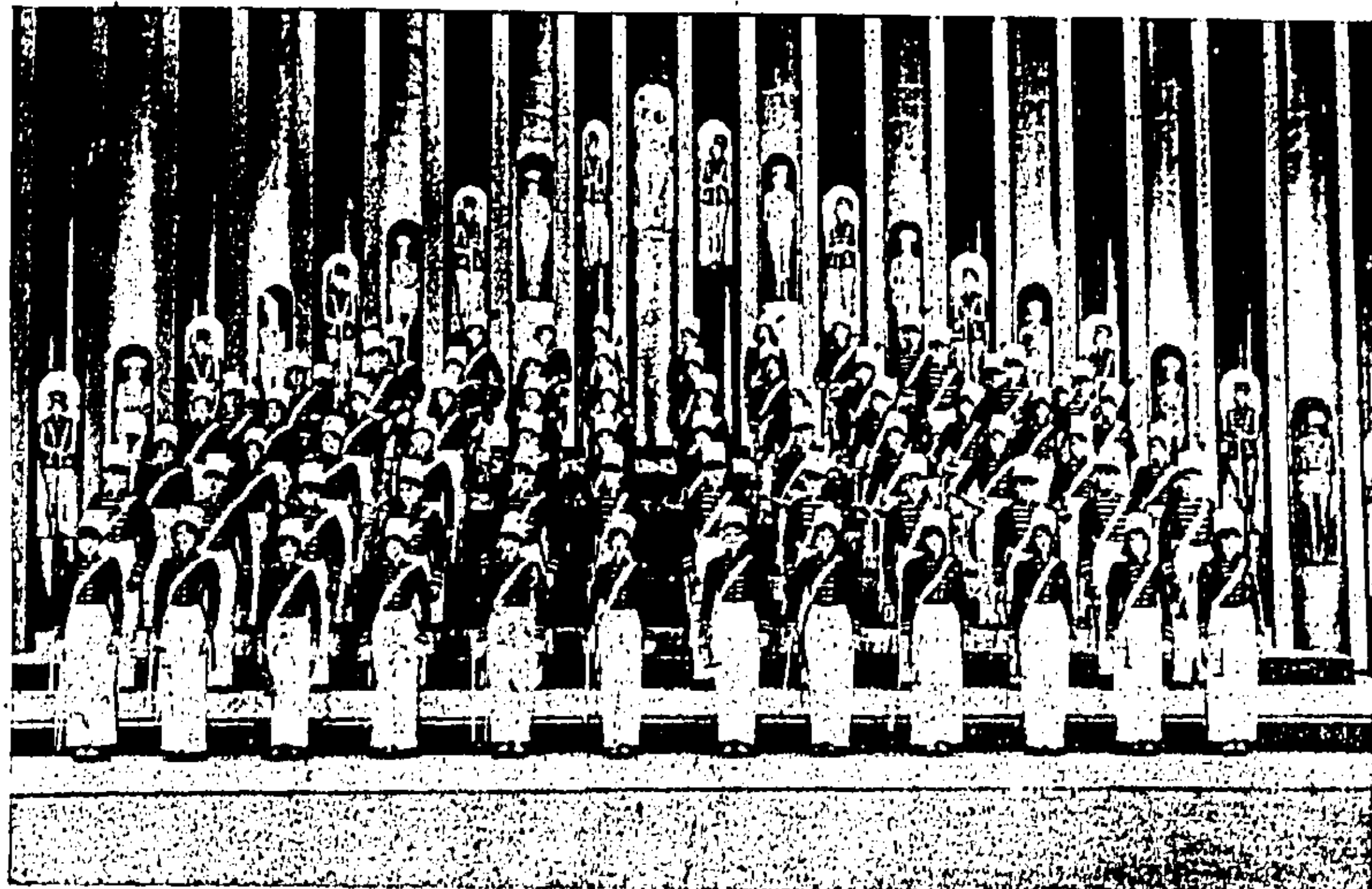
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CUSTOMARY CEREMONY.—New Directors (in front) succeed the old (at back) at the Tung Wah Hospital. Fourth from left in first row is Mr. Leung Pat-yue, the new Chairman; he has previously been a principal director; his son, Mr. Leung Yuk-lun, at extreme right of third row, is one of the outgoing directors; his father, Mr. Leung Lei-kai, also served twice and, like Mr. Leung Pat-yue, was chairman on the second occasion. Mr. Leung Pat-yue has also been chairman of the Kwong Wah Hospital, twice a director of the Po Leung Kuk, Chairman of the Sunkat District Guild, is (by Government appointment) Vice-Chairman of the Shaukiwan Chinese Public Dispensary, Hon. Treasurer of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, is head of more than 40 firms in Hong Kong, and managing director of the Cheung Shun Bank. Also in the front row are the new principal directors, Mr. Yin Tsi-yue (third from left) and Mr. Weng-yo Harry Hong Sling, M.A. (Hong Kong), who is fifth from left. Mr. M. K. Lo, the retiring chairman, is third from right in the third row.—(Photo by Kwong Ngai Studio).



COMPLETE TRAIN LOAD.—Of Whippet "four" and "six" cars leaving Normanby station, in Brisbane, Australia, for distribution among dealers. This picture gives an indication of "Whippet" popularity.



"DANCE OF THE WOODEN SOLDIERS."—A charming scene in "The Hollywood Revue," at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.



SIR GILBERT GARNSEY.—The expert accountant, who gave evidence in the Huty trials.



H.H. THE AGA KHAN.—At his wedding in Aix-les-Bains, France. Left, the bride, Mlle. Andree Carron, a Parisian dressmaker. Centre, the sporting Indian Prince. Right, M. Henri Clerc, the Mayor, who performed the civil ceremony.



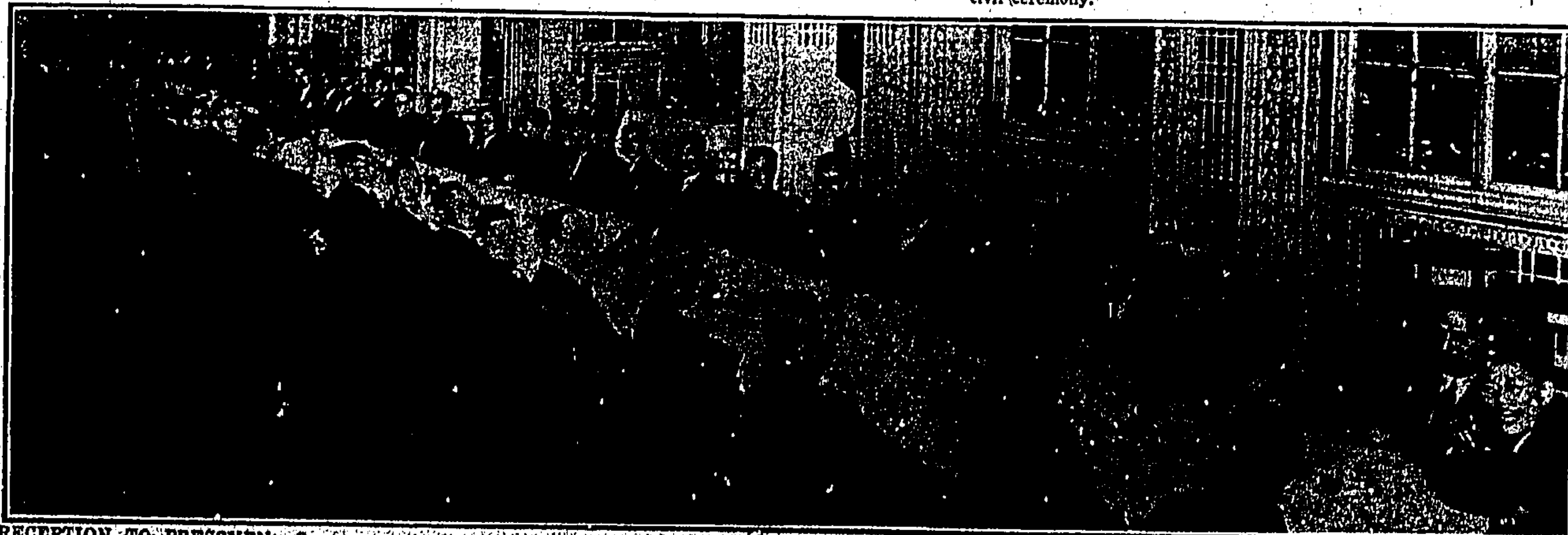
MISS COLLEEN DAWN.—A classical dancer, one of the star artistes in "The High Steppers," who are now appearing with great success at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.



THE JEWEL NUMBER.—In "The Hollywood Revue," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.



A PERFORMING ROOSTER.—One of Torcat's versatile roosters appearing at the Star Theatre as from Thursday, January 30.



RECEPTION TO PRESSMEN.—Over seventy leading journalists and newspaper proprietors were present at the New Year's party, which was given by Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the National Government of China, at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai. Many men distinguished in China were present, among them being Dr. C. Kuangson Young, Mr. G. Bronson Bea, Mr. Francis Zis, Mr. P. D. Evans, Mr. J. B. Powell, Mr. G. E. Sokolaky, Mr. O. M. Green, Dr. M. T. Z. Tsau.—(Photo by Ah Fong).



The WOMAN'S Page



WOMAN'S THOUGHTS

Inanimate Enemies Still at Work

Mary MacLeod Moore writes in the London Daily Telegraph:

There are times when one is tempted to believe, against one's better judgment, that inanimate objects have minds and dispositions, usually unpleasant; and that combinations of circumstances have something almost human in their maliciousness.

Perhaps if we were learned in the mysteries of the stars and of the meaning of signs and wonders all would be clear to us. As it is, we can only bear as patiently as may be with what has been called "the cussedness of inanimate objects"; we must bow our heads, so to speak, until the storm be past.

On the days when these silent, intangible enemies are at work all goes awry. As children we were told that we had got out of bed on the wrong side on the days we were cross and peevish, when we broke what we were told to hold, or lost what we were quite sure had never been out of our sight for a moment. Now, as grown-up people, we find that the hidden enemies are still at work. How else account for the times when the affairs of the day, instead of running on oiled wheels, catch and creak, delay us, and disappoint us from the hour we get up late for breakfast and find the fishmonger has not sent the kippers until we go to bed at night to discover that the hot-water bottle has chosen this unsuitable moment to leak?

The fountain-pen refuses to write when one has only a hurried five minutes for an urgent note; the scissors disappear, only to be found later on in the same place wearing an air of conscious virtue; a ladder starts, as if by magic, in the favourite silk stockings you have put on for a luncheon party; and a rip in your glove arrives to disgrace you before the severe family solicitor.

If there be nothing in this idea of malice in things and in circumstances, why, when you are economically combining the mortification of splashed stockings and a cold in the head, does a quite unexpected guest, whose eyes are like similes, arrive before you have time to hide traces of these afflictions? Why, when you are rumpled after a "fitting" and the fire is low, because you are soon leaving the room to dress for a party, does the maid announce visitors from a distance who have hitherto seen you looking neat and alert?

Why... But in the breasts of a host of persons this query is echoing, and for none of us is there any answer.

PARIS MODE

That the Paris mode has definitely entered into a new phase is made more evident by the sweeping clearance of last season's models at all the important sales at Home.

We are all infected by the new mode in spite of the invective hurled at it by many critics, who were—in some instances—more extreme than the fashions, as they appeared to indicate only one length for all occasions instead of three for separate occasions.

The evening mode is a thing apart, and we hardly know what definite influence criticism will have brought to bear upon it until the new openings this month and next month. In the meantime, the Riviera season looms ahead, and Paris has been busy early suiting the smart woman with advance early spring fashion. Fashion retailers will be all agog from now on until then, following the trend for morning, sports, and afternoon clothes.

Dressmaking



Evelyn Matteson of Grundy County, Illinois, was awarded the grand prize for dressmaking with a green organdy gown which she displayed for the camera at the International Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago.

WAIST LINES

A new note is developed in waist lines by a corselet skirt fitted round the high waist of a grey tweed morning suit. The corselet in this instance is made at an all-round height, with open cuts slotted at intervals on the normal waist line to show the colour of the blouse in butcher blue linen. Schiaparelli modifies this line for a less slim figure by only affecting the corselet at the front of a skirt by gradually sloping a point downwards towards the back where the skirt rests at the normal.

This particular corselet creates a slimming line in black and white tweed, as it buttons on to a white blouse at the point in front.

NEW TORSADE SCARF

The new torsade scarf made with two strips of different coloured crepe de Chine cut on the bias and twisted round in torsade fashion substitutes the buttoning principle. It rolls round the neck, to lie through buttonholes made in the point of the corselet, and is an attractive splash of colour in green and Chamberlain red on the long-sleeved hand-knitted woollen pull-over, and against the fine white "foulette" luncheon suit.

These corselet waists must be largely responsible for the dearth of belts. A half-and-half system is applied in black patent leather at one side only of a second model, which is an effective ensemble in black and pink.

GOING-AWAY ENSEMBLE

More interest is being taken in the going-away gowns of fashionable brides since the development of the ensemble idea in dress.

A bride of December 17, Miss Peggy Leigh, changed into a particularly pleasing afternoon gown after her wedding with Mr. Charles Graves at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The dress, a Martial Armand creation, was of Burgundy crepe satin, the dull surface being used for the dress and detachable cape-collar.

When the cape is removed it reveals a silver guipure lace yoke. This under a beautiful squirrel coat, accompanied by the grey velvet hat, rather like a Dutch girl's cap, completed the ensemble.

SPORTS CLOTHES

Sports clothes have naturally escaped radical changes in outline, as it is a mode that must, first of all, remain practical for the fleet-footed tennis player, the yachtswoman, and golfer.

On this score the sports specialists have the field to themselves, with the below-knee length level, and skirts are no longer or shorter than this length which all well-dressed women fostered during the Summer.

But sports styles become more individual through details and the independent touch that forges a new note. On all points Schiaparelli goes sailing gaily ahead in her own inimitable way, resisting all outside influences, to follow her own ideas and ideals.

Her skirts have never been too short, anyhow, and the only added length that seems to appear is when she supplies her collection with a few afternoon models. One of these is made to replace her effective pinafore dress made in two shades of linen or crepe de Chine for the summer season.

It is one of those utility frocks stepped into with the greatest ease, so to speak, as it is wrapped round the body and fastened with ties. This time the order of things is reversed, and it crosses over in front instead of at the back, to tie on the waist line at one side of a cross-over bodice above a full and all-round hand-pleated skirt.

Dots and Dashes



Dots and dashes and modernistic patterns are decorating the newest sports costumes. Above is shown a royal blue jersey dress with white polka dots.

EVENING WRAPS

The evening wrap of attractive character is always a good purchase for the woman who attends the wide social round; the present reduction in fur may possibly allow of the winter wrap being plentifully trimmed with fine skins.

Most women realise that in the winter their evening wrap is more often on than off. At any rate, if not, it will be generally reposing on the back of a chair or theatre stall, so it is wisdom to spend all we can afford on obtaining a decorative garment.

Here we must consider the important decision of length, and the three-quarter coat for the evening appeals strongly to many women. Another type of model shows the trained coat, but this is a choice more suitable for the rich woman who can afford to possess an evening coat to match each frock! One point in favour of the three-quarter coat is that on really cold evenings it can either be laid aside in favour of the big fur wrap or be worn under it.

This three-quarter length for early Spring will be widely accepted. Added to which, there is what may be termed a long three-quarter length, covering the knee, as well as the shorter choice. There always is the really long wrap as well, which, by dragging draperies and cunning devices, can be worn in a variety of ways to suit individual taste and requirements. In any case a cape or coat of sterling worth is a good investment at the mid-season.

Parisian Dressmaker



Mademoiselle Le Start has the distinction of being judged the best apprentice dressmaker in the French capital. She was awarded the blue ribbon after a competition with hundreds of others engaged in a similar occupation.

Sensible Footwear



Helen and Mildred Myers, of Eddyville, Nebraska, whose sensible footwear won in a contest conducted by the National 4-H Club at The International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago.

DEFINITE WINTER MODE

The mid-season has established that the mode for winter is very definite, and also portends the trend for early spring, and it is good to be able to record that the models generally approved of this season show excellent taste and certain lasting qualities.

Possibly the greatest interest is concentrated on the many different lengths which so largely determine man; phases in dress as it applies to coats, skirts, jumpers, and every changing fashion. The result of endless discussions gives more variation than ever. Certain practical laws have been accepted for the tailored and sports modes, such as skirts being three to four inches below the knee—the inch either up or down should always be an individual affair.

NOTE ON THE NEW CLOTHS

Tiny patterns in almost invisible checks and stripes—flecked spots or "splashes" are all among the new cloths. Tweeds of spring weight are of loose make, almost a basket weave, and the shaded jerseys are interesting. Hopack varieties and oatmeal clothes of bygone days are resuscitated in much improved aspects.

Tweeds have for some time been so becoming and soft in texture that in buying lengths we cannot go far wrong. Covert-coatings, gabardines, and serges in beige and navy are equally safe. Moire and poplin will run the taffeta of the future, very close. Nets and marquisettes will be used in all colours.

SHORT HIP-LENGTH COATS

All coats seem more becoming when properly proportioned; and the short hip-length for the young and slim is among early Riviera modes, also that exact half-length and the longer three-quarter model. In the more formal (dressier) daytime mode these coats can flare or godel, whereupon an inch or so added or eliminated is accepted at discretion. Some hems are uneven; others dip in a definite direction.

For the evening the greatest latitude is permissible, but the dancing girl, if buying anything new, should secure one of those full-all-round-just-clear-the-ground frocks in silk or satin. This model being of a practical character, offers lasting possibilities. Yet the endless variety of flounces and frills are picturesque enough to have a place of their own, and will remain long enough to assure of all sorts of elegant and faithful frocks for the season. In the evening long skirts are predicted for a good while ahead, though here again much depends on type.

ORDINARY TAILORED SKIRTS

All ordinary "tailored" and sports skirts will neither be longer nor shorter—they have been just established in pretty practical proportions; and there is no reason for sudden change. The early Riviera modes show this. The increased desire for the box or finely pleated skirts assure of that straight slimmest that is so becoming, and generally wearable; and where it is easy the individual can put on or take off an inch or so without upsetting the laws of fashion and good style.

In Silver Grey



This delightful coat is of silver grey caracul, trimmed with grey fox collar and cuffs, while the little helmet hat is of grey felt to tone.—Isobel, London.

EVENING ENSEMBLE

Novelty and Design in Shoes

"Sandalar" stands for a little shoe shop in Paris presided over by an American girl, Mary Lendelari. She has crammed such resourcefulness for novelty of design and manipulation of harmonious colour combinations into the brief period of her shoe designing career, that this shop is now famous throughout Europe.

Among the new models that were ushered in at the mid-season collection are some exceedingly smart shoes for town or country wear, and afternoon and evening shoes with beautiful lines and unusual touches of colour. Dahlia and a delightful tone of Burgundy are two of the most important colours, and both are combined with antelope and antique Indian brocade for evening wear. Antique Chinese brocade is another combination in blue and gold that is appealing as an evening ensemble with matching bag.

There is a general movement towards colour, and all artists have their own tones and tints. Crepe de Chine is an important medium with Sandalar, but the tendency is to use it combined with velvet in the same colour to match evening dresses.

Practically all evening shoes are strapped to follow Grecian sandal lines. Charming effects are achieved by the applique of leather on silks and kids in many combinations of colour. Among the mules, which are all intriguing and individual for the boudoir and indoor wear, are most delicious little pull-man slippers made to match a pull-man robe all worked out in an extremely attractive ensemble.

A BRIDE'S EMERALD RING

Unless a bride has decided views on the subject of engagement rings, it must be quite a pleasant way of spending the week to visit various jewellers to choose "just the right ring."

This problem has now been solved by Miss Deirdre Hart-Davis, whose engagement to Mr. Ronald Balfour is not very old. She says she had much difficulty in deciding between a lovely square-cut clear emerald and a cabochon gem, moulded oval and high in its setting. Her choice of an emerald has nothing to do with her birth month, as her stone is the ruby.

When she was a bridesmaid to Mrs. Grenfell last month she wore a large sapphire ringed round with diamonds, but this was only as a substitute until she had chosen her engagement ring.

CHAT ON COLOURS

The red of winter promises to continue, in darker effects, far into this year. The usual routine is that the brown and red of Autumn and Winter should give way to green and the mauve-purple range for Spring.

Fashion, however, is often sudden about a new colour craze. So far the mode shows a distinct liking for the sombre side of things.

Grey is considered smarter than beige. Blues in innumerable shades have, in some measure, supplanted green. Remarkable evening ensembles have been heard of in a papal-purple. Lavender is responsible for youthful frocks in organdy. White is certainly a leader in the Riviera modes. Pale apricot and a faint blush-pink are also sponsored by exclusive designers.

CIRCULAR MOVEMENT

The circular movement is still with us, especially for tweeds and in the firmer face cloths and hopsacks. The short rounded coat follows. The circular seamed skirt is smart, or in longer form has curved flounces, but the general tendency veers back to a variety of pleated skirts.

BOUDOIR FASHIONS

In boudoir fashions the exotic resuscitated smoking suits or elegant tea gowns are among garments that, if picked up cheaply, can do service for years.

Colour and fabric are important, and should be carefully considered. For the country home especially these garments are really helpful. The underdress of a tea gown which can be worn by itself, with a gorgeous coat of velvet or tissue—that can also be separated—will prove a useful as well as decorative possession.

Then the pyjamas or lounge suits, with "slacks" in satin or velvet, joined to a loose cosy blouse, and a short, or three-quarter coat of some ultra-gorgeous coloured variety, are among other bargains for the country house parties.

OBSERVE THE HEM LINE

In picking up bargains of a more ordinary character it is wisdom to observe carefully the hem-line in coats and skirts, as to whether it is possible to alter it. Those godet uneven lines are impossible to change, unless they are separate bits applied on. Still, the probable tendency of the future will be to shorten, which is by no means so difficult as the lengthening process!

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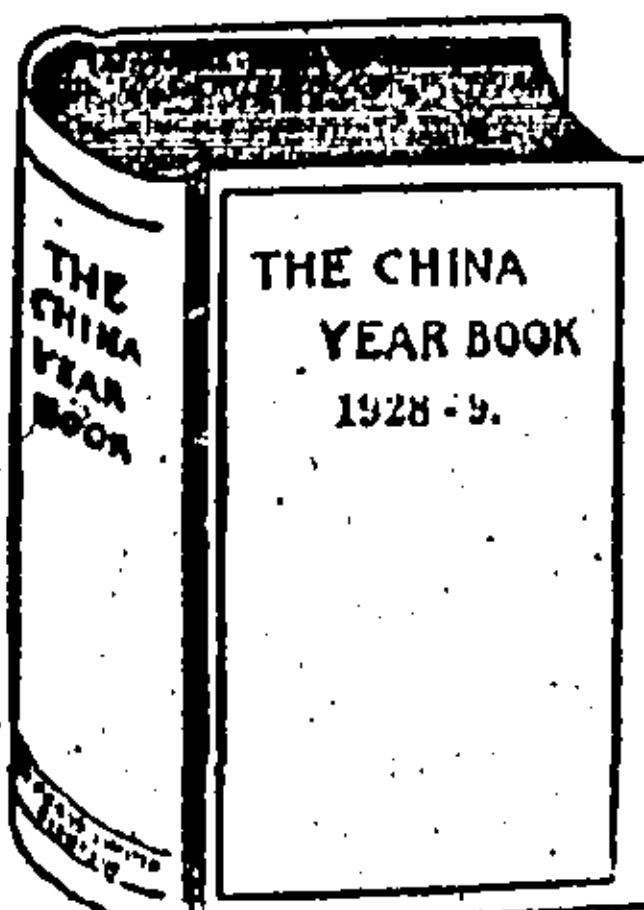
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WHAT'S THIS? SHE DOESN'T WANT ME TO CALL TO-NIGHT WELL! SHE'S GOING TO PUT ME ASIDE TO MEET HIM- EH?

I'LL NOT CALL HER UP I'LL JUST GO OUT AND HIDE BEHIND A TREE AND SEE WHAT THIS GUY LOOKS LIKE.

HERE COMES HER FATHER'S CAR WITH THAT GUY.

NOW RUN RIGHT IN THE HOUSE AND MEET ROSIE- SHE'LL GIVE YOU SOME CANDY.

GOODY!

Bringing Up Father

IT HAS INDEED BEEN A PLEASANT EVENING AND I HOPE YOU'LL PARDON ME FOR LEAVING SO SOON.

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT- DUKE- IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO DINE WITH US.

I KNEW THAT GUY WOULD LEAVE RIGHT AFTER HE HAD A FEED.

CALL AGAIN WHEN YOU ARE HUNGRY.

THANK YOU- I WISH YOU'D CALL ON ME- MY CARD- I AM STOPPING AT THE HOTEL CUMBERSOME.

DUKE DE BENTURE! THAT GUY HAS A SWELL CARD- BUT I'LL BET HE OWES FER 'EM.

I'LL KEEP HIS CARD- NOW TO GIT TO HICKEY'S POOL ROOM AN' GIT IN THE POKER GAME.

WELL DANNY- YOU COULDN'T BEAT THIS HAND IF I GAVE YOU HALF OF IT.

WHAT'S THE USE? I COULDN'T WIN IF I HAD A CROOKED DECK

THESE CARDS ARE SO DIRTY- I CAN'T TELL A SPADE FROM A HEART.

I'LL TAKE A LOOK FER TWO BITS.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S THE POLICE- BEAT IT JIGGS!

OUT OF MY WAY!

UP WITH THE MITTS!

E-K!

SO! I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR NOT TRYIN' TO GIT AWAY.

YOU MEAN- I'LL GIT TEN DAYS FER NOT BEIN' ABLE TO GIT AWAY.

THE PATROL WAGON IS FULL AN' YOU LOOK SENSIBLE- SO IF YOU GIVE ME NAME AN' SHOW UP IN COURT TO-MORROW- I'LL TRUST YOU.

OH- SURE! I'LL GIVE YOU MY CARD.

DUKE DE BENTURE! WELL- DUKE- YOU BE IN COURT TO-MORROW AT TEN OR WE'LL COME AN' GIT YOU.

MY ADDRESS IS ON THE CARD- SO IF I DON'T SHOW UP YOU'LL KNOW WHERE TO GIT ME

WHAT'S THIS? THE DUKE DE BENTURE WAS ARRESTED IN A GAMBLING RAID AT HICKEY'S POOL ROOM- HE FAILED TO SHOW UP IN COURT TO-DAY AND THEY ARE GOING AFTER HIM- THIS IS TERRIBLE.

AND TO THINK YOU WANTED ME TO MARRY THAT CAD.

OH DADDY! I'M SO HAPPY MOTHER JUST READ ABOUT THE DUKE IN THE PAPER AND HE IS OFF OUR VISITING LIST.

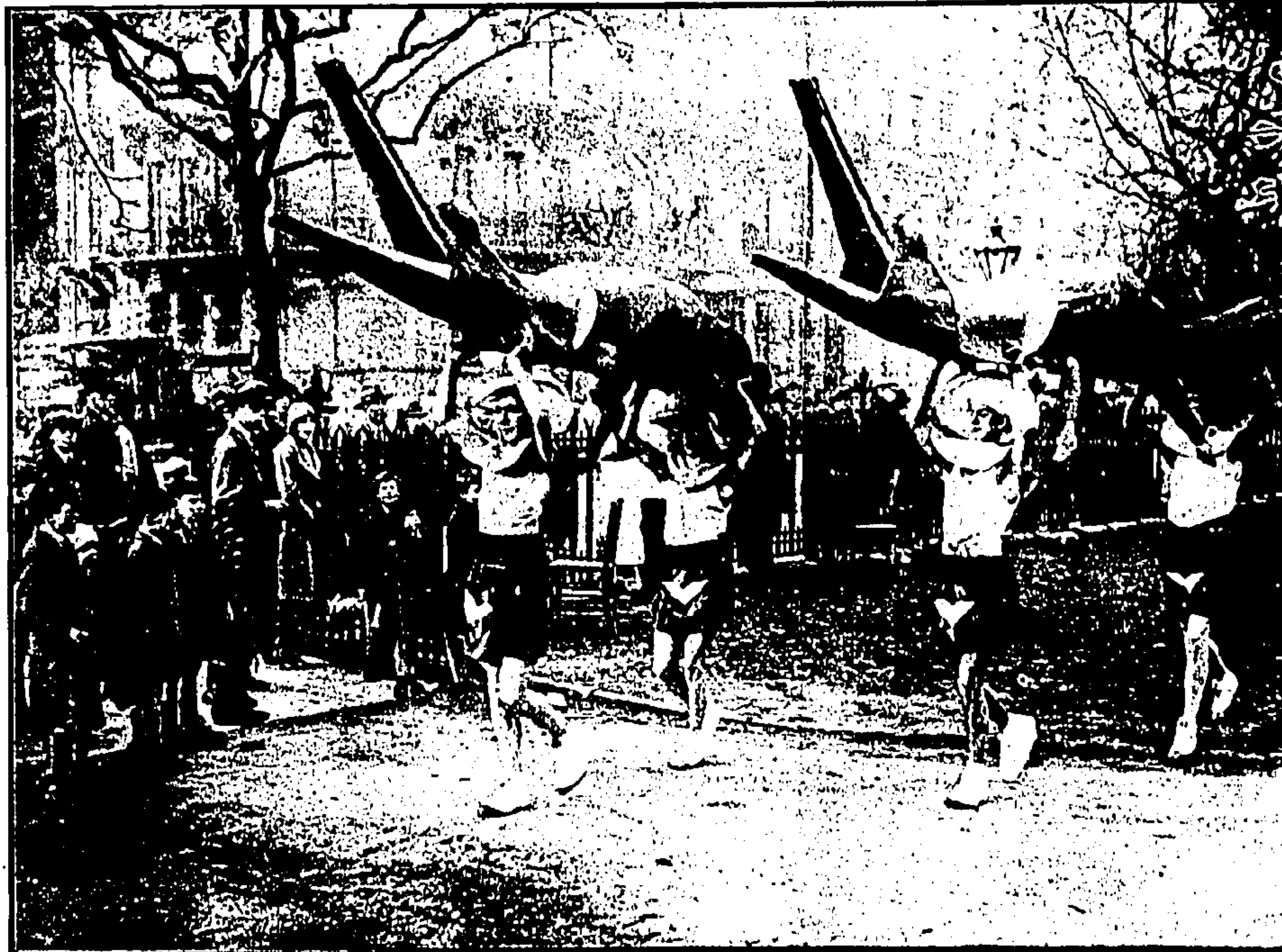
YES- I JUST READ ABOUT IT.



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FLOOD SCENES IN ENGLAND.—A Funeral in the floods at Bourne End, Bucks; owing to the house being inaccessible by road, it was found necessary to convey the coffin across the river and flooded fields by punt. Note the mourners being paddled across the flooded areas.—(Sport and General)



PROCESSION OF THE CROCODILES.—Students of the Royal College of Art, South Kensington, rehearsing their wild animal tableaux for "Noah's Ark," one of the attractions of the Chelsea Arts Ball, held in the Albert Hall on December 31.—(Sport and General).



PRINCE OF WALES AT TOC H BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL.—Thousands of ex-Service men watched His Royal Highness lighting a Lamp of Remembrance.—(Sport and General).



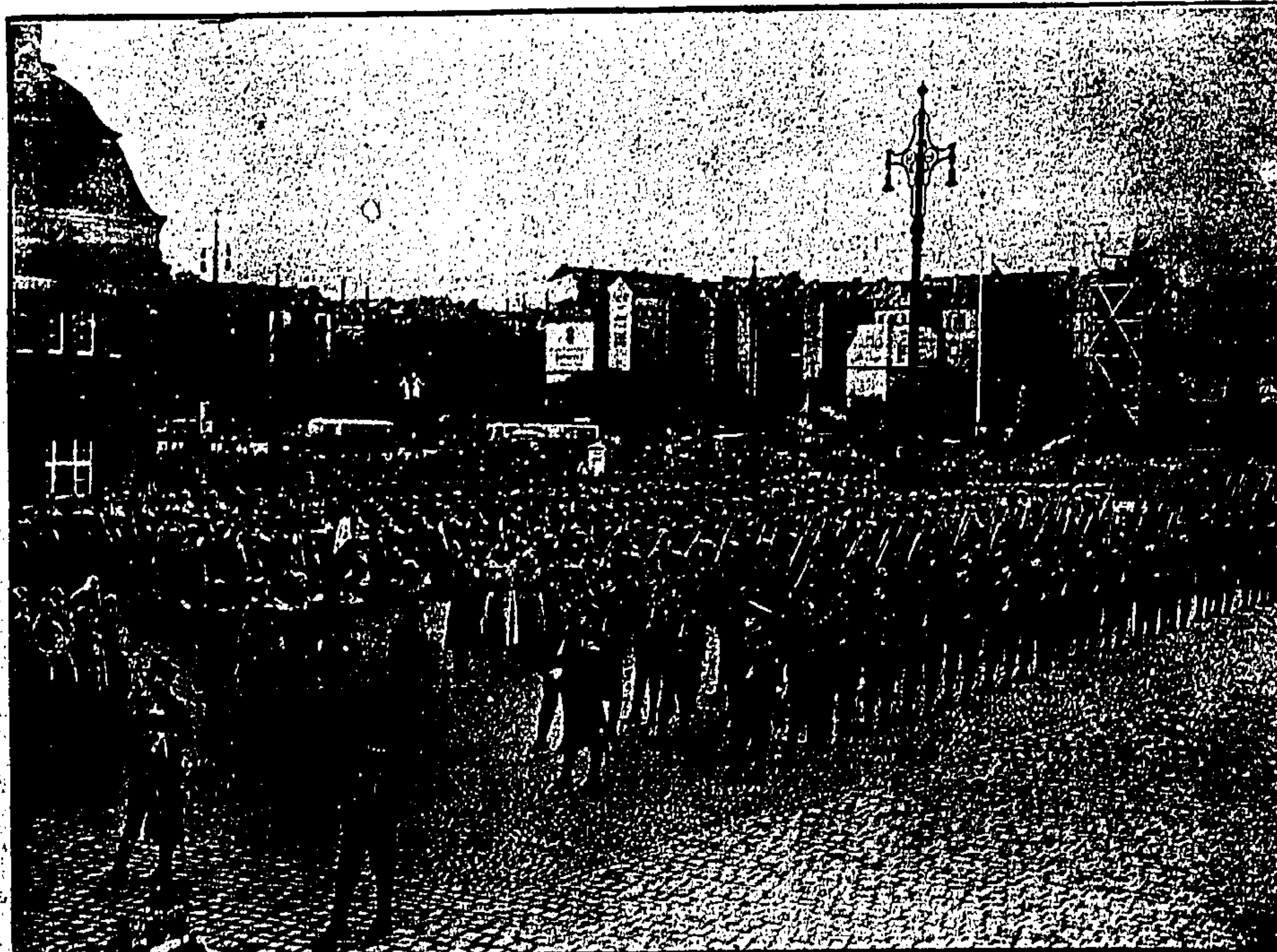
HAWKERS IN LONDON'S BUSY STREETS.—This picture shows how the London equivalent of the Hong Kong hawker does a great trade on various pitches, particularly in Holborn.—(Sport and General).



THE TRAINING SHIP MERCURY.—At Hamble, Hampshire, His Royal Highness with Mrs. C. B. Fry (wife of Commander C. B. Fry, the famous cricketer) on a tour of inspection, at the prize distribution.—(Sport and General).



BELGIAN RAILWAY DISASTER.—Seventeen people were killed and forty-eight injured when a passenger train ran off the rails at the entrance to Namur station, Belgium. The train, which was from Brussels, was descending an incline when the brakes failed, and it rushed to and overturned, and the first three coaches were smashed to pieces. Photo shows the scene after the accident.—(Sport and General).



THE BRITISH WATCH ON THE RHINE.—Ends after 11 years' occupation. An impressive military display was made at Wiesbaden, at the evacuation by the British Army of Occupation and the hauling down of the Union Jack at General Headquarters. Fifty thousand Germans watched the ceremony and the procession to the station took place amidst the cheers of the crowd. Photo shows French troops saluting the departing British in the streets of Wiesbaden. In front of the troops can be seen a Warrant Officer, and an N.C.O. carrying the Union Jacks, folded.—(Sport and General).

POLITICAL SENSATION

Large Sum of Money Involved

RESTITUTION DEMAND

Legal Proceedings Started in Camera

The first proceedings have been taken in England in connection with an amazing political law action.

If the case comes on for trial it will probably prove to be one of the most sensational of the century.

The action arises out of a dispute concerning the recovery of a large sum of money alleged to have been paid by one individual to another, who, it is alleged, received it on behalf of a political party. Up to the present the proceedings have not gone beyond a private hearing in Chambers.

REDS IN EGYPT

House of Lords, Dec. 12.

The appearance of two different but most interesting personalities lent exceptional interest to-day to a debate on the Government's policy in Egypt.

One was Lord Lloyd, lately High Commissioner in Egypt, whose virtual dismissal from that post by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, was a sensation of the early days of the present Government.

The other personality was Viscount Grey, one of the few remaining "Elder Statesmen," the Foreign Secretary at the outbreak of the Great War whose appearances in the House lately have been very rare. He is in his seventieth year, but the effortless memory which enabled him to deliver a lengthy speech without any notes was in strong contrast to the style of Lord Lloyd, his junior by 18 years, who read from a typewritten document.

Speaking as a Liberal he defended the Government, and supported the argument of Lord Parmoor, the Socialist leader, that the new treaty made no real change in the policy laid down in the famous Declaration of 1922.

There was one pathetic moment in Lord Grey's speech when, desiring to quote from a printed paper some words by the late Lord Curzon, he adjusted dark spectacles to his eyes, but, even when holding the paper within an inch of them, was unable to find the place. Lord Reading stepped quickly forward, and read the quotation for him.

Vital Interests

The discussion took place on an official Conservative motion regretting the precipitancy of the Government's policy in Egypt, and the risk entailed to our Imperial communications. In moving it the Marquess of Salisbury said: We had nothing to be ashamed of in our policy in Egypt. We had, it is true, served British interests, but we had not neglected Egyptian interests, and the process of redemption was by no means completed. The development of the Sudan was in its infancy and would require many years of the best administration to make real prosperity in that country and real happiness for the people.

Yet within less than a month of the coming into office of the present Government they set themselves to make—in appearance at any rate—a radical change in our policy in Egypt, and in order that it should be advertised in every part of the East, might have its due effect in every bazaar, they dismissed the High Commissioner.

I say that, having regard to the extreme delicacy and importance of the interests involved, such conduct by the Government, in less than three weeks after they had acceded to office, showed a levity and want of regard which I do not go too far in criticising as precipitate.

We must sometimes speak in clear terms. There must always be certain regions outside the Empire in regard to which we have interests so important that we cannot allow the interference of other Powers.

In that matter we might be content to follow the example of the United States. They do not hesitate to say where their interest lies, and, as there is a Monroe Doctrine which they profess, there ought to be a Monroe Doctrine which we profess.

It ought to be insisted on in the world of diplomacy that there are certain regions where British interests are so paramount that we cannot allow the interference of any other Power.

Suez Canal Menaces. Lord Lloyd criticised in detail the new draft treaty, and dealing first with the military provisions declared that the safety of the Suez Canal was of such vital importance to the Empire that not even the smallest risk could be taken regarding it.

So long as we retained command of the seas there could be no menace from north and south. The canal could only be menaced from east and west. If danger came from the east, it could only be met from the west with a secure base in Egypt itself. If the danger came from the west, it could only come from an Egypt torn by internal strife with the risk of a grave disaster and sabotage of the canal. For

such an eventuality the troops placed on the canal were situated in the worst position of all.

The only place from which the Canal could be adequately defended from internal Egyptian disorder was from Cairo.

"The main danger," he continued, "must arise from a disturbed Egypt. What you are doing is to move into a desert away from the place where the trouble alone can arise, the place where you can least well handle it when it has arisen."

Another grave and dangerous part of the treaty was Article 6 whereby we abandoned without a single safeguard the protection of the lives and property of foreigners, which had been the keystone of our policy in Egypt. That safeguard depended mainly on the efficiency and discipline of the military and police forces and upon the probity and impartiality of Egyptian law courts.

Lord Lloyd went on to complain at length of the withdrawal of British officers from the Army and the judicial administration and continued:

Let us then be quite clear as to what this treaty means in regard to the protection of foreigners' interests. British troops are to be removed from Cairo and Alexandria; British control from the Egyptian Army; British personnel from the police; and British influence from the Ministry of the Interior, leaving British and foreign lives and property to the sole defence of the Egyptian Parliament.

Letting in the Reds

There is every reason to fear that the Bolsheviks, at any rate, whose nefarious influence has hitherto by constant vigilance and firmness been kept out of Egypt, seek in these impending changes the opportunity for making of Egypt what they have made of China and more recently of Palestine—a new theatre of war against law and order and a new forcing ground for grave racial and religious animosities. Lord Parmoor, for the Government, replied to a question by saying that the return of Egyptian troops to the Sudan had the full approval of the Governor-General of the Sudan, but the British Government intended fully to carry out Lord Milner's policy there.

In Egypt itself the aim of the British Government was to secure independence for the country, while safeguarding the essential interests of Great Britain.

Viscount Grey severely criticised Lord Lloyd's speech, and agreed generally with Lord Parmoor. The Declaration of 1922, he said, recognised Egypt as an independent sovereign State, and we must regard it as having made a clean sweep of our interference in foreign affairs in Egypt.

Lord Thomson, the concluding speaker for the Government, dealt with the military position and contended that the Suez Canal, when the treaty operated, would be as safe as, and probably safer than, under the present arrangements.

Lord Salisbury's motion was carried by 46 to 13, and the House rose at 7.53 p.m.

OPERA SEASON

'Luccia di Lammermoor' a Success

The continued success of the Italian Grand Opera Company was shown by an appreciative audience at the Star Theatre last evening at the performance of "Luccia di Lammermoor."

The hearty applause accorded to the members of the Company was a sure indication of the pleasure with which this Company was received by the local community.

The opportunities of hearing first class opera in this Colony are few and far between, but there is no doubt that the rendering of such operas by talented companies such as the Italian Grand Opera Company are fully realised.

Special mention must be made of Miss de Albi, capably assisted by Signor Casanova, Signor Ghella and Signor N. Batistoni, who handled all the vocal parts with a secure base in Egypt itself. If the danger came from the west, it could only come from an Egypt torn by internal strife with the risk of a grave disaster and sabotage of the canal. For

"HELENA MAY"

Opening of Branch in Kowloon

TRIBUTE TO LADY LAMPSON

The Kowloon branch of the Helena May Institute was opened yesterday afternoon by Lady Clementi, M.B.E. The building is at No. 8, Aimal Villas, Austin Road. There was a large gathering of members and friends present.

Before the building was officially opened, Mrs. J. R. Wood made the welcome announcement that a donation of \$1,000 for the upkeep of the new house had been received from Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Mrs. Wood then addressed the gathering reviewing the history of the Institute.

Lady Clementi's Address

Lady Clementi said inter alia: We have met here to-day under the shadow of a great sorrow. Lady Lampson, wife of the British Minister to China, died here yesterday. At first it seemed as if, as a mark of respect to her memory, we should put off our gathering here this afternoon; but then I realized that to do so was exactly what she herself would least have wished. Lady Lampson had a very vital personality. When one had had the privilege of meeting her, one was not likely to forget her. She had the gifts of a rare intelligence, a delightful sense of humour and a warm sympathy with other people's interests, the sort of person to whom one would instinctively turn for help and advice. I was greatly looking forward to a few days of her society, and had thought she might be here to-day. I know the best tribute one can pay to her is to get on with the work in hand.

We have all got a bit tired of Women's Movements (with a big W and a big M), but I think at Helena May we can claim that we work in no aggressive or self-conscious spirit. We are indeed delighted to welcome our men friends, delighted to see many of them here to-day, and hope they will come again.

In the names of all members of the Helena May, I want to thank the Kowloon Committee, who under Mrs. Wood's chairmanship have worked simply wonderfully to get things ready for to-day. How much work goes to making a house habitable every woman knows, and the Committee has really been marvellous. It is a great delight to me to see it before I go.

After she had declared the branch open by signing the visitors' book with a gold fountain pen, which Mrs. Wood presented to her as a memento of the occasion, Lady Clementi was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong then signed the book and were followed by others present.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong also addressed the gathering.

AT THE MAJESTIC

Picture and Vaudeville Shows

There is a double attraction programme at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, comprising "The Sunset Derby," the "High Steppers" and "The Dancing Trio." The former is a story of the race track, intensely interesting, and strikingly lacking in the threadbare plot and situations which generally grace pictures of this kind.

A First National picture produced by Charles R. Rogers, it is a story of a jockey—and, of course, a girl as well—who agrees to ride a small trainer's only horse as a favour, and is injured in an accident, and recovers only to find the accident has caused him to lose his nerve for riding.

From that point the story progresses to a climax full of drama and thrills and the grand "wind-up" comes in a race that is as perfectly staged as any event on the screen, with a thrill almost as real as if one were really watching from the grandstands with a bookmaker's ticket on the hero's horse.

Mary Astor and William Collier, jun., make an ideal pair, the former in the girl for whom the jockey offers to enter the race. Her personality and beauty have never been seen to better advantage. Collier's performance as the jockey is wholly convincing.

"The High Steppers" and "The Dancing Trio" are comprised of well-known vaudeville stars, who have appeared in many of the well-known theatres of the world. "The Dancing Trio" are added to the 8.30 and 7.20 p.m. performances. The three dancers are well versed in their art and gave delightful exhibitions of classical, jazz and exotic dancing. The combined company of "The High Steppers" and "The Dancing Trio" appeared at the 9.30 p.m. show. Since their reappearance last Thursday they have had packed houses and have drawn every ounce of applause and laughter from the delighted audience with their clever patter, athletic turns, happy dancing, and popular songs.

BESSIE LOVE

In Big Film Revue at Queen's

VERSATILE ARTIST

When Bessie Love went on the stage some months ago "for the experience," she received more screen offers than ever before, she relates. "Few of my friends realise that I was definitely putting the motion picture business behind me," says the star of "The Broadway Melody," now a leading figure in the cast of "The Hollywood Revue," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical extravaganza coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre.

"I was bound for New York and the stage, and my agent here on the coast was turning down one offer after another when 'Broadway Melody' came along. It looked too good to refuse, so he wired me to come home from vaudeville and make one picture before going to New York."

"On the day the picture was finished I packed and bought a ticket for New York. Next day I went to the studio for a short visit and was on my way out when Irving Thalberg saw me. He called me and said he wanted to talk to me. The result of this conversation was a five-year contract and the abandonment of my ambition to become a stage success."

In "The Hollywood Revue" Bessie has another opportunity to display her versatility as a singing and dancing revue artist. She appears alone in a singing and dancing act and as the central figure with Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, and again with Charles King, Gus Edwards, "Ukelele Ike," Marie Dressler and Polly Moran.

EDMUND LOWE

Edmund Lowe has a substantial claim to the title of "the most versatile leading man in films." A very few years back Lowe was continually cast in romantic leads of the Elinor Glyn type of story. He played them so successfully that he was called the "matinee idol of the screen."

Right when he seemed doomed for ever to play such roles Raoul Walsh decided to take a long chance, or rather play a hunch he had, and selected him for the hard-boiled role of "Sergeant Quirt" in "What Price Glory." Screen history records what Lowe did with that role.

More recently Lowe was a real sensation in "Dressed to Kill," in which he played "Mile-Away Barry," leader of a crook gang and a fashion plate. Currently at the Queen's he is hard-boiled again as "Sergeant Mickey Dunn," of the Mounted Patrol in Fox Films first feature-length movie-talking drama, "In Old Arizona," a Raoul Walsh production directed by Irving Cummings. Warner Baxter and Dorothy Burgess are featured, and there is a brilliant all-star supporting cast. The picture is from a story by Tom Barry, who also wrote the dialogue.

NIGHT CLUBS

The night club is the common meeting ground of high and low, successful and unsuccessful, and the night club hostess, by the very nature of her job, must consort with all. She cannot, must not, pick and choose.

Many an interesting story lies behind the career of night club entertainers, or "hostesses" as they are now called. Necessity alone has not brought them to this calling. There is the girl of good family looking for a thrill; there is the adventuress, who finds more opportunity for gold digging here than anywhere else; there is the ambitious husband hunter who seeks a wider field for meeting men of means than in her own circle.

The girl of good family who looks for a thrill plays with fire. She is open to all sorts of experiences, and if she gets off with only her fingers burnt she can thank her lucky star.

As for the adventuress, the night club is a fertile field, and one well worth her efforts. She knows how to take care of herself and is experienced enough to differentiate between the wheat and the chaff.

Little enough as it is, most can be said for the husband-hunting hostess. She is a "climber," and there is no denying the sporting element in her make-up. She is willing to take her chance of landing the son of some old family.

The girl who, through lack of training, has to depend on social graces only to pull her through is to be pitied. The life goes against her grain. She is a victim of circumstance. Such a one is portrayed by Irene Rich in "Dazzle," her new picture. She is thrown on the world without any visible means of support for herself, and her college-bred boy but her talent for singing and charming personality. Her struggles to pull herself out of the rut and win success are intensely interesting.

William Collier, jun., Randolph, Douglas, Richard, Tucker, Edna Murphy, and William Dermott.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Republic Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Elliot Hall (Hong Kong University), Concert and Dance, 8 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "In Old Arizona."

To-day—Star Theatre, "A Single Man," 5 p.m. only; "La Traviata" (Italian Opera), 9.15 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre, "Sin Sister," 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.; "The King Nam Girl" (Chinese picture), 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Sunset Derby."

To-morrow—Star Theatre, "Tales of Hoffman" (Italian Opera), 9.15 p.m.

Home Mail
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Lyons Maru).

Sports
To-day—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Hunters' Arms, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Fanning Hunt and Race Club, Paper Chase, Silva's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Meeting
February 11—Forty-second General meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's, 12.30 p.m.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 365 metres:

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

7.9 p.m.—Recorded Music and Experimental Relay Transmission.

9.10-10 p.m.—A Boxing Tournament arranged by the Hong Kong Boxing Association will be relayed from the City Hall.

A Running Commentary will be given from the Ringside of a Series of Selected Six Round Contests between the Navy and Army under I.S.B.A. Rules.

Bantamweight
Pte. Pierce (S.L.I.) v. O.S. Evans (H.M.S. Kent).

Light-heavyweight
Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.) v. L.S. Irwin (H.M.S. Kent).

Lightweight
Pte. Bauleh (S.L.I.) v. Marine Woolford (H.M.S. Hermes).

Lightweight
Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) v. Stoker Bailey (H.M.S. Kent).

Waterweight
L/C Woodhouse (S.L.I.) v. A.B. Trimling (H.M.S. Hermes).

Lightweight
Corpl. Hargan (S.L.I.) v. O.S. Scott (H.M.S. Kent).

Middleweight Contest
Lt. C. G. H. Christy (R.A.) v. I.S.B.A. Middleweight Champion v. A.B. Irwin (H.M.S. Kent) ex-Middleweight Champion of the Colony.

11.20 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down.

assist her in this role. "Dazzle" a Warner Bros' production, directed by Archie Mayo, will be the feature attraction at the Majestic Theatre to-morrow.

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"If there's a hole in ae yer coats
I redo ye tent it.
A chiel's a manna ye takin' notes
An, faith, he'll prent it."

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS
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On demand —

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<p>Professor Simpson then spoke of the early life of the poet and said that for the true appreciation of Burns, one must turn to that time which was Burns's glorious hour of crowded life. "And that was the last year he spent as tenant of Mossieglie near Mauchline. From the middle of the year 1785 to the middle of the year 1786, Burns, being then about twenty-</p>	Wire	103%
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	Wire	103%
	On demand	103%
	On Singapore—	
	On demand	67%
	On Manila—	
	On demand	76

five years of age, spent the most brilliant years of his life. In the summer of '85 he was writing verses for the amusement of a parish; by the summer of '86 it was discovered that they were poetry for the admiration of the whole world. It would be difficult to find in the whole history of literature a period in the life of any author to equal these months of uninterrupted activity, enthusiasm, and genius.

Chairman's Appreciation

The Chairman, following Professor Simpson's proposal of the toast, said he was indebted to the last speaker for his wonderful revelation of Burns. He thought, when he heard Sir Henry Gollan last year, that that was the finest speech he had ever heard about Burns. Professor Simpson, however, had shown them something new and he (the Chairman) had learned something more. There were people who thought Burns' Night was a repetition of the same thing, year after year, but that was not his experience. He heard something new last year, and something new again this year, and if they celebrated the Poet's memory for a few more years, he (the Chairman) might then know something about

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Brussels	34.935
Geneva	25.185
Amsterdam	12.107½
Milan	92.92
Berlin	20.985
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.195
Oslo	18.215
Vienna	34.80

Burns. (Laughter.)	Prague	164½
Another toast of the evening	Helsingfors	198¾
was, "The Lassies" by Mr. H. R.	Madrid	37.345
Forsyth and replied to by Dr. M.	Lisbon	108.25
Nicholson.	Athens	375
A most enjoyable entertainment	Bucharest	818
was provided, those contributing	Rio	5½
being: Mr. G. McLeod ("A Man's	Buenos Aires	45
a Man") Mr. John Anderson ("My	Bombay	1/5 29/
Joe"), Mr. J. Blackley ("Gae	Shanghai	2/0
Bring to Me a Pint o' Wine")	Hong Kong	1/6 ¾
and "Green Grow the Rashens O"),	Yokohama	2/0 9/1
and Mr. W. N. Fleming (humorous	Silver Spot	2/0 1/8
stories). The company sang	Silver Forward	20%
"There Was a Lad."	—British Wireless Serv	

Sport Columns

BOXING AND FIGHTING

THEORY v. PRACTICE WITH A DIFFERENCE

BASKING IN UNREALITY

A special correspondent of the London Observer wrote a few weeks ago:—

Most of those who are interested in boxing, as opposed to the sensation-hunting crowds who attend contests in search of thrills, have been disgusted by recent exhibitions. Contests such as the two between Stribling and Carnera will bring about the suppression of boxing, for they are obviously fights, which are illegal, and not contests of skill, which are permitted by law. Not that there is any need to shudder when sporting journalists hint at the fearful things Carnera might do if he got really angry. In an "all-in" fight the smaller and quicker man would almost invariably win. Witness the first fight between Carnera and Stribling. But it is a pity there should be this glorification of fighting as opposed to boxing, quite apart from the question of illegality. It is scarcely possible to pick up a paper without reading a criticism by some "sporting" journalist disparaging some boxer for not being "enough of a fighter," or expressing disgust that some contest proved to be a mere exhibition of boxing skill. I am not condemning fighting. There is much to be said for it as well as against. But to demand fighting in a glove contest under strict rules is to show confusion of thought.

Glove fighting has always been an artificial sport. Much ridicule has been poured on the alleged disqualification of Mr. B. J. Angles some fifty years ago, in an amateur boxing competition, for hitting too hard. Competitors in those days were sometimes told to box, not fight. But the principles upon which the referees and umpires of those days acted were logical. They were judging skill in boxing, and estimating that skill by the standards of bare knuckle fighting. A man could easily knock his hands to pieces in the old style, and judges bore that in mind. But glove fighting, logically considered, is an absurdity. To cover a man's fists with padded gloves to prevent him from doing damage with them, and then to measure his success by the damage he does, is farcical. Almost on a par with this is the prohibition of wrestling while clinching and holding in practice, though not in theory, permitted to an almost unlimited extent.

Pray Silence!

Yet there can be little doubt that the belief that they are to see something which approximates to a real fight is what draws the majority of the spectators to boxing matches. If proof of this were needed, it is to be found abundantly in the advertisements of promoters and the paragraphs inspired by managers. The finer points of boxing skill are hard enough to see, even when at the ring-side, and to appreciate them requires knowledge. But anyone can see a couple of heavyweights ponderously knock each other down, even from the Albert Hall gallery. There is a story, doubtfully true but well invented, of an M.C. who, during a heavyweight contest, stood up and proclaimed: "Mr. Goddard is about to hit with his right. The audience will kindly observe complete silence during the progress of the blow."

With all this talk of fighting, it is perhaps interesting to consider what relation modern glove fighting has to real fighting. The answer is, practically none. The fact that a man can beat another with gloves

on is not the slightest proof that he could win without them. This was shown often enough in prize-ring days. One of the evils of the big heavyweight matches is the exaltation of bulk as against quality. The glove, with the advantage it gives to mere weight of hitting and the fact that it makes hooking and swinging safe for the hands, is all in favour of the big man. A much lighter blow with the bare knuckles will do all the damage necessary. Mace and Belcher were perhaps the best of the old-style pugilists, and the former weighed eleven and the latter not much over twelve stone. Tom Sayers was little over ten stone. There were big men like Gaunt and Perry (the Tipton Slasher), but the former was beaten by Bendigo, who weighed between eleven and twelve stone, and the latter by Sayers. Isaac Perrins, an eighteenth-century boxer, weighed seventeen stone, and was beaten by Johnson, a much smaller man.

Against the Rules
But even prize fighting with bare knuckles was a very artificial thing. A man was not allowed to kick. He could neither hit nor take hold below the belt. Butting, biting, and gouging were definitely against the rules, also throttling on the ropes. And, perhaps most important of all, when a man was down, even on one knee and hand, the fight was over for the time being. Yet the Japanese have shown that a man when "down," according to boxing rules, is often in a very strong position.

It is practically impossible by boxing alone to keep a man of equal strength and quickness, however unskilled, from closing. And once he has closed, boxing is finished with. So-called in-fighting is merely a product of modern glove-fighting rules, and if holding and wrestling were allowed in-fighting would be useless, if not impossible. Wrestling, however, has its own innumerable edgewise of rules, requiring or forbidding all sorts of holds, but usually declaring that a man is down and the bout ended when he is on his back. The Japanese systems of self-defence (I believe ju-jitsu and ken-jitsu are the technical terms) are closer to reality. I believe there is also an Icelandic method of fighting akin to the Japanese, and the Cumberland wrestlers have stories of jealously guarded secret "death holds."

Ju-Jitsu
The ancient Greeks distinguished clearly between boxing, wrestling, and the panchratium. The last-named contest was apparently very like an old-style prize fight without restrictions. The nearest approach to real natural fighting was apparently the American rough-and-tumble fighting of the middle nineteenth century. Gouging, biting, and kicking, with other dirty tricks, were all included in this style, the best known exponent of which was probably John W. Morrissey, who once beat Heenan under prize-ring rules. Naturally, this disgusting method of fighting was not widely practised, as the comparatively civilised use of weapons made it impossible. It was, however, taught during the war as an adjunct to bayonet fighting. It is said that in the days of the prize-ring a distinction was drawn between "fighting" and "ruffianing," the latter being apparently a continuous rough-and-tumble. In Lancashire the "all-in" fight, including the use of clubs, was formerly practised.

The moral of all this is that we should get rid of fight talk in connection with boxing. It is a fine sport and good exercise, though limited in practice to a certain physical type, but it has little or no relation to self-defence or to fighting. The strength and quickness of a good boxer would, of course, be useful to him in any type of physical contest, but his boxing skill would be of little use. The Japanese ju-jitsu experts had, I believe, little difficulty in tying up Jim Jeffries, the biggest and heaviest man who ever held the World's Championship, and Yukio Tani used to give music hall exhibitions in which he easily dealt with Josephs, then our lightweight champion.

GOLF

Starting Times for Sunday

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for to-morrow:—

9.24 a.m.	G. B. S. Thomson, T. S. Whyte-Smith.
9.36	E. Lewis, S. S. Perry.
9.40	W. S. Hillier, D. M. Goodall.
9.44	B. Petheram, H. Hampton.
9.48	H. A. Lammert, H. C. Shrubsole.
9.52	H. H. Lennox, H. U. Ireland.
9.56	R. E. Coxon, J. W. Robertson.
10.00	P. Morrison, C. C. Roberts.
10.04	T. Todd, J. R. Hinton.
10.08	J. W. Alabaster, A. H. Penn.
10.12	A. Leach, F. H. Crappnell.
10.16	C. W. Jeffries, W. N. Fleming.
10.20	O. Eager, J. H. Little.
10.24	A. Piercy, H. Spicer.
10.28	M. G. Mills, F. Syme.
10.32	E. Kern, B. J. Lacon.
10.36	B. Taplin, F. Black.
10.40	J. C. Kyle, D. Beath.
10.44	C. L. Sanders, T. G. Bennett.
10.48	J. H. Geare, L. H. Ruffin.
10.52	C. T. Fowle, P. F. le Fèvre.
10.56	E. D. Lawrence, J. S. Drummond.
11.00	S. J. H. Fox, A. D. Coppin.
11.04	G. W. Garrett, M. D. Scott.
11.08	P. Parker, M. Mathews, H. V. C. Meredith, E. D. Black.
11.12	C. B. Riggs, J. B. Lanyon.
11.16	W. Smalley, J. Jones.
11.20	R. Stock, R. H. D. Wade.
11.24	G. D. Mead, C. J. D. Law.
11.28	K. K. Rounds, W. D. Harris.
11.32	C. E. Moore, E. A. C. Hallows.
11.36	L. R. Andrewes, G. Davidson.
11.40	N. K. Littlejohn, J. Forbes.
11.44	S. T. Butlin, E. M. Bryden.
11.48	J. S. Dykes, S. A. Seth.
11.52	V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
11.56	T. G. Weall, J. P. Warren.
12.00 noon	H. G. Hegarty, L. G. S. Dodwell.
12.04 p.m.	E. des Voeux, A. O. Brown.
12.08	W. J. Clarke, F. M. Ellis.
12.12	A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
12.16	A. B. Purves, E. D. Matthews.
12.20	A. F. Judd, J. H. Ashworth.
12.24	J. R. Raikes, R. P. Moodie.
12.28	W. G. Lorimer, H. R. C. Booth.
	D. J. Gilmore, A. Sumner.

HONG KONG v. KOWLOON

The R.H.K.G. Club (Junior Section) will meet the Kowloon Golf Club on Friday, the order of play being:—

Kowloon	R.H.K.G.C.
F. N. Remedios	v. A. O. Brown
J. D. Thomson	v. F. E. E. Becker
J. Mackintosh	v. R. Campbell
A. W. de Roza	v. C. B. Robertson
E. D. de Roza	v. P. Morrison
A. A. Lopes	v. A. E. Charman
D. C. Wilson	v. A. J. W. Doring
S. Millor	v. C. Mycock
H. Hampton	v. W. M. Edmunds
J. H. Hunt	v. A. Brookbank
(Capt.)	(Capt.)
A. Breley	v. A. Macfarlane
G. R. Russell	v. G. McLeod
J. N. Austin	v. C. B. Matthews
T. J. Price	v. R. Clark
A. Groves	v. E. Hanlen
A. Eastman	v. J. H. Gelling.



With perfect weather and a fast dry course, America's foremost golfers started the second day of their annual championship tournament at the Hillcrest Country Club, Los Angeles. Here is pictured Walter Hagen getting out of a sand trap.

FOOTBALL

Interport Arrangements in Shanghai

The China New Year soccer interport at Shanghai will develop into a triangular contest, as in addition to the Hong Kong team, Tientsin is also sending a team to Shanghai.

The re-arranged programme is as follows:—
Feb. 1.—Shanghai v. Hong Kong.
Feb. 2.—Shanghai v. Tientsin.
Feb. 3.—Hong Kong v. Tientsin.
Feb. 5.—Hong Kong v. Army (Shanghai).
Feb. 7.—Tientsin v. Army (Shanghai).

The Tientsin players include the following:—
Roxburgh; Waddell and Kidd; Kazoolin, Park and Cooke; Fingereth, Rodger, Pearson, Coulcher and Johansson. Reserves.—McPhee and Morton. Mr. W. E. Hollands and Lt. W. R. George will accompany the Hong Kong team as joint managers.



Marjorie Gladman, woman net star, who confirmed the report that she was engaged to John Van Ryn, Davis Cup player. They first met while playing doubles in the mixed national championships.

HOCKEY

The Club and the Army Draw

On the U.S.C.C. ground yesterday afternoon a fine game was seen between the Hong Kong Hockey Club and the Army, a draw of four goals each being a good indication of the run of the play.

CRICKET

The following will represent the Combined League against the United Services to-morrow, on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp:—
W. Brace (Captain), D. J. N. Anderson, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, W. C. Hung, S. A. Ismail, A. J. Lee, E. A. Lee, A. A. Rumjahn, and G. R. Sayer.

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Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School, 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Masonic Service, 6 p.m.
Notice:—The First Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, January 28 at 5.30 p.m.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER

The B.I. s.s. Takliwa left Singapore for this port on January 22, p.m., and is due here on January 27, p.m.

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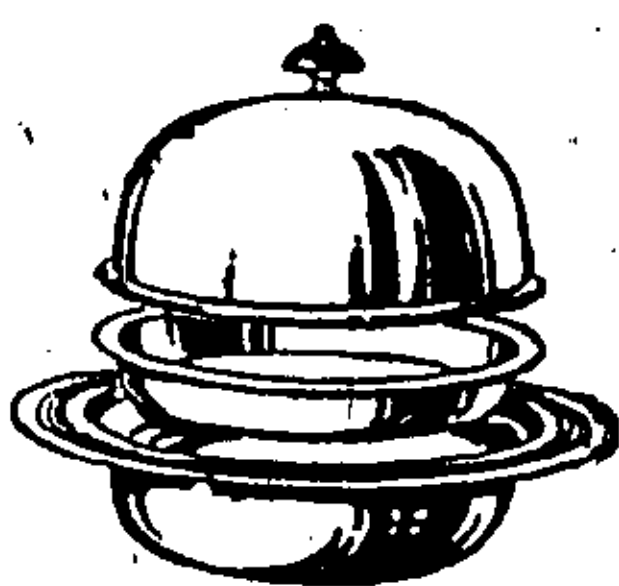
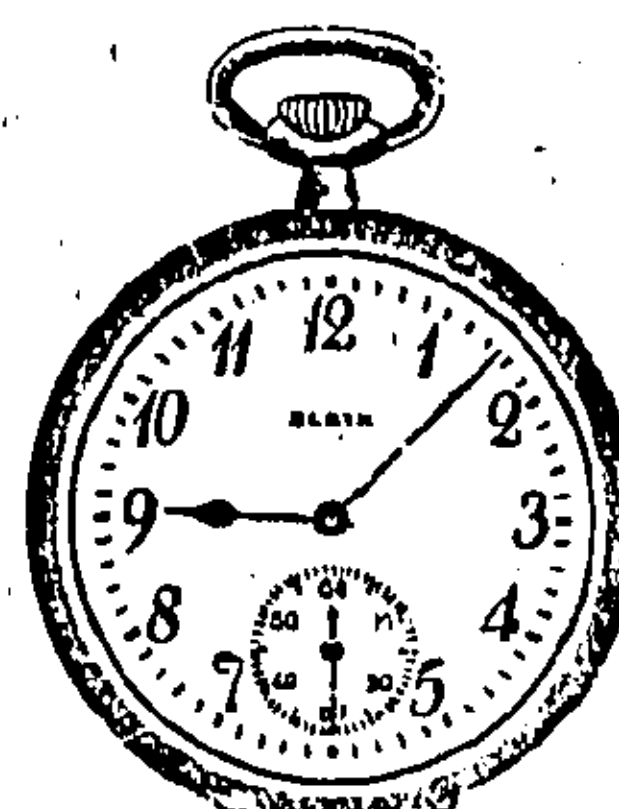
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World News In Pictures

The Italo-Belgian Royal Wedding



Members of the Belgian and Italian communities in Shanghai gathered at the Cercle Sportif Français at a successful ball in honour of the marriage of Crown Prince Umberto of Italy and Princess Marie Jose of Belgium which was solemnised in Rome. More than 500 guests attended this function.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

Easy for the Stenographer



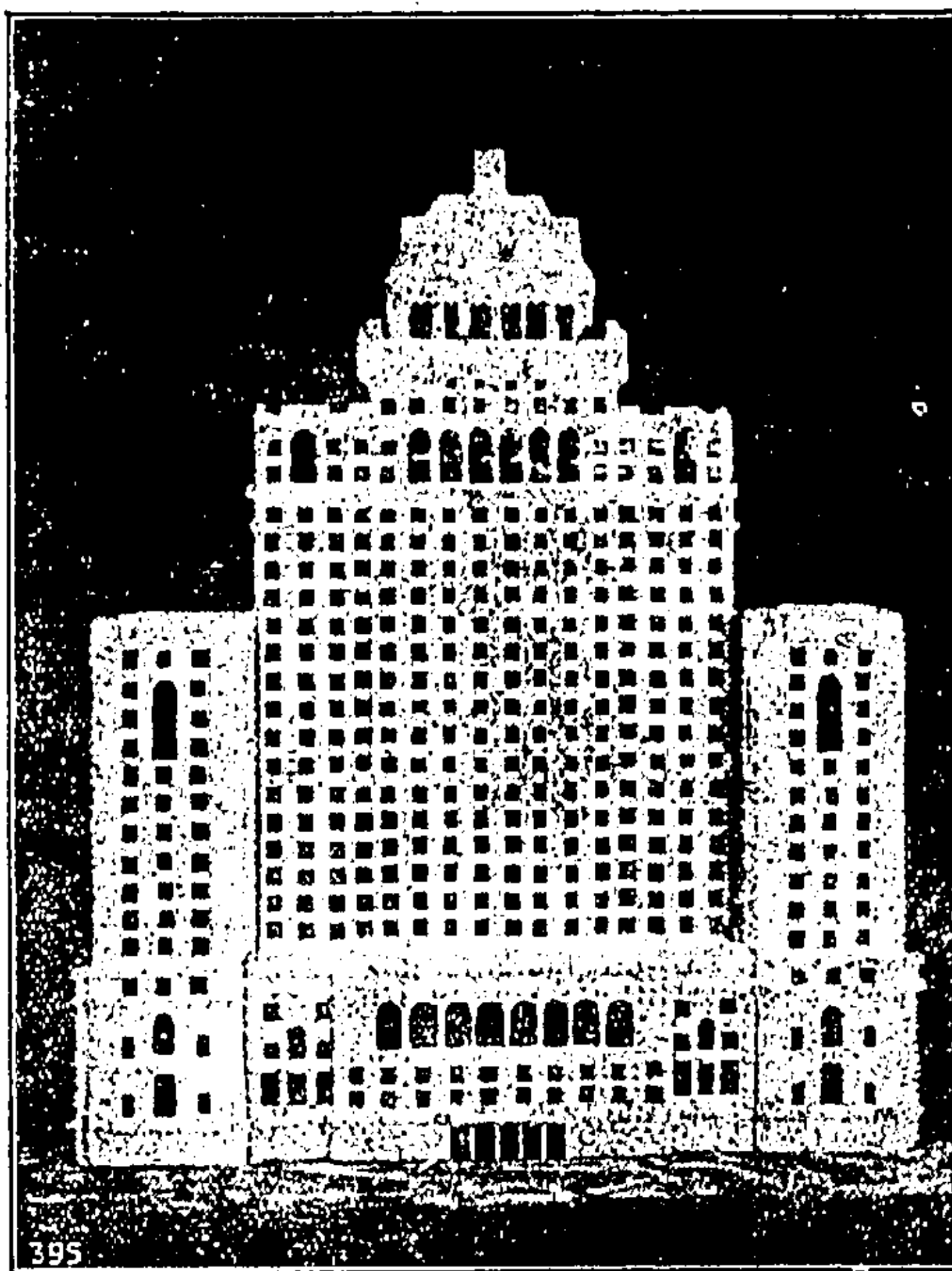
Miss Budah Louise Henry, known for ten years as the "Lady Edison" adjusting her latest invention, by which she asserts that seven additional copies can be made at one time. The new attachment for typewriters makes the copies automatically and is a great time-saver, and is said to be no less than a godsend to all stenographers weary of smearing their new manicure with carbon paper.

Best Dressed Man



George McNeir, millionaire, was picked as the best dressed man in New York City. There is no trace of foppishness about Mr. McNeir's attire. On the other hand several articles of clothing such as the collar, are made especially for him and differ radically from other collars.

A Hotel in Diamonds



Like a story from the Arabian Nights is the description of the miniature model of the Royal York Hotel, shown at the Toronto Exhibition recently. The model is valued at over \$300,000 and in its construction there were utilised more than \$15,000 Ellis faultless quality diamonds. They were mounted on a framework composed of satin wood covered with the finest wax. The miniature was drawn true to scale and measured 15 inches high by 12 inches broad. Reflected from thousands of facets, the brilliant display of light, broken into all the colours of the spectrum, made this exhibit one of the most visited and most talked-of at the big Fall Fair.

Winston in the West



Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill who recently toured Canada over Canadian Pacific lines, inspected oil developments in Alberta and is here seen looking at the front-covered pipes that convey the oil from the Home Wells in the Turner Valley to the separator. He was accompanied by his brother, Major Churchill, and his son Rudolph. Inset shows Mayor Osborne, of Calgary and Mr. Churchill leaving for the oil-fields.

Y's Men's Club and Baby Clinic



A joint meeting of the Boards of Directors of the Y's Men's Club and Y's Men's Baby Clinic was held at the home of Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, 88 Yu Yuen Road, Shanghai. Seated in the front are Mr. Yinson Lee, Chairman of the Board of the Y's Men's Club and Director of the Clinic; Dr. Harvey N. Lee, Chairman of the Club and Superintendent of the Baby Clinic; and Mr. Robert Fan, ex-President of the Club. Standing are Messrs. Sumin Li, Lewis Mason, Fred Y. T. Yang (Treasurer), George Hoh, C. L. Wang, Russell B. S. Chen and Benjamin S. J. Cheng (Secretary).—(Photo by Wei Fong).

Women Work Wires



Women make excellent telegraph operators, according to Mr. J. McMillan, general manager of the extensive Canadian Pacific Railway telegraphs. The advent of automatic sending and receiving instruments and other appliances eliminated much of the heavier work formerly done by men, and in addition to vastly speeding the service, gave an opportunity for efficient typists to become operators as the automatic machines have a keyboard like that of a typewriter, and a knowledge of shorthand code is not needed. Presently forty per cent of the operators in the employ of the Canadian Pacific are women, about 75 per cent of them working on the coast and sixty-two on the interior. This photograph shows two girls operating one of the new automatic machines at the Victoria General Office.

The Renaissance of the English Folk Dance



"Merrie England" and the spacious has not been sufficient to kill the ancient urge and Cecil Sharp, thirty years ago, was astonished to see life in the Old Country within the present century add so great a popularity to the revival that Hyde Park, the great London rendezvous of rank and society has been, year with annual festivals of folk-dance, the annual London Folk Dance Society, which of-day has a membership of 15,000 with over fifty branches. Certificated teachers from this society have been doing excellent work in Canada. Lay-out shows groups of folk-dancers; an English folk-dance; and Douglas Kennedy, leader of the English Folk-dance Society, accompanied by Joan Sharp, daughter of the founder, with pipe and fiddle. Photographs by Dobson Longman, Photographs and "London Times".

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LORD AND LADY SOMERS' KEEN INTEREST

Lady Somers, who is the State Commissioner of the Girl Guides' Association of Victoria, has done much to encourage the growth of this valuable movement in Victoria, while Lord Somers has been the inspiring of the Scout movement. They both enjoy camping out and joining in the joys of Guiding and Scouting. At the recent annual meeting of the Girl Guides, Association of Victoria, Lady Somers presided as deputy State Commissioner, in the absence of Lady Somers, who was away with her husband touring the Mallee, but she sent a happy message to the meeting, and commended the fine spirit animating Guiding in Victoria. The Minister for Education (Mr. H. I. Cohen) also expressed his firm approval of Guiding. "People have suggested to me that Guiding should be made compulsory in State schools, but I feel that that would be contrary to the spirit of the movement," he said. "The Education Department will continue to give every facility for the advancement of the association, by placing schoolrooms, basket ball courts, and sports grounds at the disposal of guiders."



The "Old Scout's" Column.

Mrs. Southern's appeal Chinese to have more Chinese Guiders girls to join the local Girl Guide Movement is an appeal which I hope no Chinese young ladies in the Colony would turn a deaf ear. There is no gaining that we need many more Chinese girls to join up, and help to disabuse the seeming difference which is a barrier to a friendly relation between the girls of the West and those of the East. The Guide Movement in all parts of the world has done much to promote international good feeling and fellowship, and proud is the girl who belongs to the sisterhood of Guides.

Writing in the "Education" Much More Southern said: "The aim of the Girl Guide movement is to make efficient future women citizens, good housekeepers and mothers. It is all this and much more. It is in addition an adventure." We are apt as we get older to get into grooves—the day-dreams of youth are liable to fade when once we have stepped into our grown up niche. But in Guiding there is a spirit of romance and enterprise which time and age cannot dull. We are reaching out to an ideal of world-wide friendship, of joy in beauty, in Nature and Art, of merry wholesome fun indoors and out of doors. This is not "high falutin' talk."

"Here, in Hong Happy and Kong I look forward to further developments of this great world movement. So far its



WARRANTS AND AWARDS

It will not be possible to estimate the increase in the number of Scouts during the past year until after the coming census. Figures have, however, come to hand which show that no less than 10,016 Scouters' Warrants have been issued during the past twelve months. Of this number, 6303 have been issued to persons who have never previously held a warrant in the Boy Scouts Association, and 3713 to previous warrant holders taking out new warrants. The actual number of warrants cancelled, representing the actual loss of Scouters to the movement, is 2230. These figures may appear to be very satisfactory, but whether the influx of Scouters has been sufficient to cope adequately with the estimated increase in the number of Scouts remains to be seen. During the year 97 awards for gallantry were made to Scouts under the jurisdiction of the Boy Scouts Association throughout the Empire.

CHINESE GUIDERS WANTED

MRS. SOUTHERN ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION

BRIGHT SIDE OF GUIDING

Owing to my sudden departure for England in consequence of my mother's illness, Miss Jaques is acting as Colony Commissioner and has taken over the compilation of the annual report. I am most grateful to her. Miss Jaques is fully occupied with her own work, but in true Guide-like spirit she has made time for these additional duties. I am very grateful to Mr. Ralphs (Acting Director of Education) for affording Miss Jaques facilities for coping with the extra Guide work. Mr. Ralphs' sympathy and interest have proved a very great help to us in furthering Guide interests in the schools.

Greatly to our regret Mrs. Remington had to go home early in the year owing to ill-health and Miss Jaques was appointed Assistant Colony Commissioner. We hope that Mrs. Remington will return to us completely restored to health for we miss her indefatigable spirit and many accomplishments in Guiding. I am very glad that Miss Sawyer has consented to act as District Commissioner for Kowloon. Miss Sawyer has had a great deal of experience of Guiding in India and her assistance and sympathy have already been of much value to us.

The Movement has consolidated considerably during the past year. We welcome heartily the formation of new Chinese companies and we hope that many Chinese girls will join the Training Class so that they may qualify to assist in forming new Companies and Packs. It is only through the whole-hearted co-operation of Chinese women and girls that we can make true meaning and aims of Guiding and disabuse the antagonistic or "enthusiastic" indifference.

Splendid and invaluable work in this direction has been achieved by Miss Esther Kotewall—herself a Guide, together with Miss Woo M.B.E., a pioneer in Guiding among the Chinese. Miss Kotewall has translated the Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests into Chinese and has produced an admirable little book with illustrations. This has been published at Miss Kotewall's own expense. We are deeply indebted to her for this admirable piece of work.

A very healthy sign has been the co-operation of many ladies of various communities as Vice-Presidents. It was my intention to ask these ladies to an informal discussion of our future plans, but this was impossible owing to my departure for home. I hope at some future time to carry out this idea. Meanwhile I thank them warmly for their readiness to assist in the Movement.

And to all those who have helped so loyally and whole-heartedly

BRITISH SCOUTS ABROAD

Each year the number of British Scouts who have journeyed abroad for their summer camps has increased. Last year, despite the fact that the World Jamboree was held at the beginning of August, some 7,000 British Scouts visited the Continent. A representative party attended the Spanish National Jamboree, held at Barcelona in connection with the great exhibition, and had a right royal time. The camp was most enjoyable, and the British boys created a very good impression with their smart and workmanlike ways. A party of Scouts from Hendon visited Gibraltar and Tangier. At Gibraltar they had a wonderful time, whilst at Tangier, where they were billeted in the Sultan's Palace, they found some difficulty in getting to sleep, owing to their luxurious surroundings. They were entertained, amongst others, by Spanish, Moorish, and Jewish Scouts, and had the time of their lives. When they were leaving Tangier they received a telegram of greeting from His Majesty King Alfonso of Spain.

It is expected that this year will see a further increase in the number of Scouts visiting foreign countries. And it is through these visits that the friendships made at Arrow Park during the World Jamboree, between Scouts of almost every nation will be strengthened, and still stronger ties forged between the Scouts of the world.

In Guide and Brownie work in every capacity I send my heartfelt thanks.

We were very glad to welcome back our President Lady Clementi, M.B.E., who is so actively and keenly interested in the Movement. Lady Clementi met H.R.H. Princess Mary, Lady Baden Powell, Miss Hill (Overseas Commissioner) and other Guide leaders at home.

The Guides and Brownies of Hong Kong shared in the world-wide pleasure given by the news that His Majesty the King had conferred a Peerage on the Chief Scout, Mr. Waldegrave (Chief Commissioner, Hong Kong Boy Scouts) with his usual kindness allowed us to join in his telegram of congratulations to Lord Baden Powell. In this honour, the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell has a large share. She is the indefatigable partner of his work, an inspiration to all with whom she comes in contact. Many times during the year I have received letters from her showing that her interest is personal and keen in our little corner of the Guide world.

Sir Montagu Burrows (Scout Commissioner for Special Tests) said at the Imperial Guide Camp at Foxlease in July 1928:—

"The Kingdom ruled over by the Chief Guide and Chief Scout is one of the largest in the World."

We in Hong Kong are proud to be subjects in that Kingdom and to

Of Interest To Guiders

Mrs. T. H. King, has taken over the duties of Mrs. D. R. Kinloch, as Colony's Secretary, of the local Guide Association.

The following ladies have joined the Association as Vice-Presidents:—Mrs. Wellington, Mrs. K. M. Talati and Mrs. R. E. Desai.

We congratulate the 2nd Kowloon Company on securing three trophies during the same year. They won the Prince of Wales' Banner, the R.S.P.C.A. Cup and the Tennis Cup. While we rejoice with this Company in its successes nevertheless we hope that other Companies will make a fight to wrest the trophies from them in the next competitions.

We give a warm welcome to all who have joined us. Some come for a long stay, others lend a hand willingly for any short time they are able to do so. These friends helped during the year and are with us still.—Miss R. Christian, Miss A. Tickner, Miss D. Christian, Miss MacNider, Miss Raymond, Miss P. Heney, Miss Oakley, Mrs. Rule, Miss E. Kwok.

GUIDERS TRAINING CLASS

A class has been held every month for the purpose of helping Guiders to run their several Companies and Packs more efficiently and to train themselves in all branches of Guiding. The average attendance was eleven. It is hoped that this will be raised because the whole Movement in Hong Kong would be greatly benefited by the meeting together of Guiders.

During the year Mrs. Aubrey gave the class an interesting talk on the "Wild Flowers of Hong Kong," and Miss Looker gave helpful advice on "The Management of Small Children."

play a part however humble in this great peace movement with its joyful fellowship, its wealth of interest and its unflinching philosophy:—

"It is worth a thousand pounds a year to have the habit of looking on the bright side of things."

Speaking of the "bright side" I have just had the pleasant experience of meeting again some of the Ceylon Guides on my way through Colombo. And if one needed any further evidence of the strong link of affection forged by Guiding it was amply proved by the half-hour spent at Guide Headquarters, which have been named the "Southern Room." I feel very touched by this, but very unworthy of so great an honour. The Room is delightful, so spacious and so well-equipped, and it raised a vision of those Hong Kong Headquarters which we all desire so keenly. At the moment we are contributing our mite towards the Imperial Headquarters. We do want to have our stake in the centre-point of World Guiding, but next year I hope we shall set to work to build up the funds for a pleasant little home of our own, where we can keep our belongings and talk over all our Guide joys and difficulties. It will need hard work but it can be done I feel sure. As Alice Hegan Rice says:—

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From another point of view, the trial of Mr. N. I. Brewer, the barrister-at-law, of which reports appear in collected form, is also interesting.

Then there is the formation of a Society for the Protection of Children, the topical and eloquent sermon in St. Andrew's Church, the series of local shipwrecks, political and general developments in China, and many other items of importance.

Send a copy of the Overland to the folks at Home and earn their approbation. Their approval is confidently predicted.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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POST-WAR INSPIRATION

Interviewed some months ago about the tendencies of German literature, a great editor replied that to his mind its most striking trait is the close contact it maintains with the epoch in which we are living, writes Jean Tarvel in "Comedia," Paris.

This public is less interested in penetrating the interior of people's souls than it is in little facts that relate to present-day life. For this reason, novels or stories describing modern life fit its exterior aspects will always interest this public, thus giving a key to the popularity enjoyed by certain memoirs, biographies, and books of travel and adventure—in short, everything that possesses a documentary character. These documents, however, are not presented impartially or objectively in strict accordance with the formula of the new realism. Germany, having suffered acute political and social torment for the last fifteen years, is passionately interested in all the problems that have accompanied this upheaval. Most of her writers take sides for one could hardly expect them to be

objective when they are describing what they see before their eyes. Social activity is tending more and more to dominate the lives of individuals and it is hard to judge this conflict impartially.

Facts and Conflicts

The two most striking traits of recent German literature are a predilection for all the facts that go to make up modern life and a passionate participation in its conflicts. An exception must be made, however, of certain important groups of real quality, but limited influence, like the one headed by Stefan George. But, on the whole, these tendencies are the real explanation of the striking success that German War literature has been enjoying in the past twelve months. This success is evidently the dominating characteristic of the reconstruction period, and a respectable number of books have shared in it. The triumph of Remarque's book, which far eclipsed all those which preceded or followed it, must not make us forget such estimable works as The Case of Sergeant Grischka by Arnold Zweig or War by Ludwig Renn. A. M. Frey has depicted conditions in the hospitals behind the lines, and a sailor named Ringelnatz, who has become a popular singer, has written up his Wartime reminiscences with much verve and humour. A moving collection of letters written by young students killed at the front has been published, and a young man named Ernst Glaeser, in the Class of 1902, describes the impression that War-time suffering and privation made on the children behind the lines. Karl Feders, author of Captain Latour, brings to life the

picturesque figure of a career officer in the German Army by drawing from diaries.

Post-War Questions

Post-War occurrences also inspire the German novelists. Bruno Frank, in his book called New Politics, has sketched portraits of Stresemann and Brandt. This work is noticeably affected by the Locarno spirit, but it is spoiled by a melodramatic climax. Arnold Bronnen, a young dramatic author who purposely goes in for extreme tendencies, uses as a background for his novel entitled O. S. (Ober Schlesien) the fighting that took place in Upper Silesia before that province was partitioned between Germany and Poland. Formerly a radical of the extreme Left Wing, Bronnen has passed over to the opposite party. From the most excessively Nationalist point of view and with an almost revolting severity of judgment on his former comrades, he discusses with real talent one of the burning German problems. In his delicate little novel, Jacqueline and the Japanese, Heinrich Eduard Jacob contrasts Berlin during the period of inflation with the old centres of German culture, Würzburg and Heidelberg, and draws a parallel between Eastern and Western civilization.

Heinrich Mann, a member of the older generation, but still unquestionably the most powerful German novelist, described post-War Germany in Mutter Marie, only to return in his latest work to the period following the Franco-Prussian War. His sociological tendencies and his interest in the mentality and customs of that epoch are revealed in the Hilde, Eugenie, or the Bourgeois

Epoch. He has also made a collection of speeches and articles written since 1921 and entitled Seven Years, A Chronicle of Ideas and Events in which his excellent mind is shown to be equally pre-occupied with the affairs of his time.

Political Prognostications

Willy Hellpach, a doctor and politician of democratic persuasions, has written a book called Political Prognostication of Germany, full of facts and penetrating observations. Egon Friedell has concentrated three rich volumes full of ingenious interpretations to a captivating subject seldom treated. The History of the Civilization of the Modern Epoch, Count Keyserling continues in his European Spectrum to mingle jokes with profound philosophic views on modern life and modern peoples.

If love does not occupy a large place in modern German literature to-day, there is a plethora of books, nearly all of them mediocre, on love, or rather "sexual problems." Here again the positive character of modern Germany and the country's interest in social problems make themselves felt. Even in poetry the same elements are to be found, but in Germany, as elsewhere, the great public has singularly little interest in the most noble of all literary forms. To attract a public it is necessary to do what Walter Mehring did in his Poems, Lieder and Songs, where he blends a popular humorous tone with fantasy, satire, and veiled sentiment. His poems are charming examples of free verse. They are the work of a man who is closely in touch with modern life and is the exact opposite of "pure poetry."

OPENING UP C.E.R.

Train From Vladivostok Welcomed

Harbin, Jan. 14.

The trans-Continental train service is due to be resumed on January 22. Through service between Manchuria and Harbin will be restored to-day. The first train from Vladivostok reached here yesterday afternoon at one o'clock, bringing with it a number of Chinese civilians and wounded soldiers who were taken prisoners by the Soviet troops during the raid against Tungking. The train was heartily welcomed by a large gathering of Chinese and foreigners.

Telegraphic communications and mail between Harbin and Hailar have been restored since to-day. Six thousand Chinese, civilians and wounded soldiers, who were taken prisoners by the Soviet troops when Tungking was raided late last year, are now reported to have been released and are awaiting trains to convey them to their native homes.

Gen. Ting Chao, Commissioner of Defence for the Amur River Districts, has been instructed by the Chinese authorities to take care of the released Chinese.—Kuo Wen.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong,
January 24th, 1930.

Stock	Closing Quotations 4 p.m. Friday, 24th.	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. on amount on hand on last year's dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. (London)	\$1310 buyers \$1115 nominal	+ \$5.00	6 %	\$20,000,000	160,000	\$125	\$125	\$25,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$3,307,812	31.12.28	Final div. \$3 and bonus \$1 making \$4 for 1929	Pending
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China	\$17 1/4 nominal		6 %	\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	\$5	\$4,000,000	\$186,656	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 20/6d. free 1/4 tax Interim div. of 14% p.a. a/c. 1929	Sept. 11, 1929.
Mercantile Bank of India, Australia & China	\$23 1/4 nominal \$15 1/4 nominal			\$1,800,000	60,000	\$25	\$12 1/4	\$1,460,000	\$162,046	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 10%, less 1/4 tax Interim of 8% a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929.
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$96 buyers		8 1/2 %	\$10,000,000	120,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000	\$401,749	31.12.28	Dividend of \$8 for 1928 and bonus \$2 making \$10 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$715 buyers			\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$310,000 \$1,041,238 \$1,621,770 \$2,381,661	\$1,667,848	31.12.28	Final of \$22 making \$40 for 1927. Int. of \$18 for 1928	May 23, 1929
Union Ins. Co. of Canton, Ltd.	\$379 buyers			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$4	\$269,500 \$303,125 \$2,314,201 \$2,612,319 \$2,000,000 \$247,350 \$150,000	\$254,170	31.12.28	Final of 18/- for 1927. Interim of 24/- a/c. 1928	May 24, 1929
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		7 %	\$2,500,000	250,000	\$10	\$10				Dividend \$3 1/2 for 1928	June 28, 1929
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2 sellers	-\$0.10		\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$3	\$182,592 \$4,224 \$759,783 \$1,000,000 \$769,216 \$1,000,000 \$2,452,412 \$1,092,152 \$200,000	\$907,811	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1927 and Interim \$3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
Fire Insurances												
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$340 buyers	+ \$5.00		\$2,000,000	80,000	\$100	\$20	\$2,300,000 \$1,799,826 \$812,071 \$100,000 \$138,488 \$190,074 \$50,000 \$1,541 \$358,381 \$438,861	\$675,829	31.12.28	\$43 for 1927	Mar. 26, 1929
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$828 buyers			\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$100,000 \$138,488 \$190,074 \$50,000 \$1,541 \$358,381 \$438,861	NH	31.12.28	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1928
Shipping												
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$25 1/4 nominal			\$1,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$50,000	\$36,500	31.12.28	Dividend of \$1 1/2 for 1929	Pending
H'kong, C. & M. S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$27 1/4 nominal		5 %	\$1,200,000	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$15,000 \$1,541 \$358,381 \$438,861			Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/6 1/4 = \$5.94 a/c 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 80/- at ex. 2/6 1/4 = \$11.00 on deferred shares a/c. 1921	June 10, 1929 May 24, 1928
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$43 nominal \$70 nominal	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	120,000	\$25	\$25	\$260,173 \$127,917 \$100,000 \$150,000 \$98,712	\$40,038	31.12.28	Div. \$2 and bonus \$1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$72 buyers		5 %	\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$98,712			(In Liquidation) P. 3 a/c. 1928	April 11, 1929
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$1 nominal			\$2,000,000	80,000	\$25	\$25	\$244,000		31.12.28	Final of 2/- free 1/4 tax (Coupon No. 35) making 4/- for year ending 30.6.29	Dec. 19, 1929
Malayan Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$27 nominal			\$2,000,000	20,000	\$1	\$1		\$307,488	30.6.29		
Oil and Mining												
Kallian Mining Administration	\$2/6 nominal	-2/8	7 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	250,000	\$8	\$8				T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27	April 5, 1928
Maschappij tot Exploitatie van Langkat-Singapore	T. 13.60 nominal T. 7 1/4 nominal T. 1.30 nominal T. 6 nominal			Tls. 1,825,000 Tls. 3,000,000 Tls. 1,250,000	250,000 600,000 250,000	Glds. 10 Tls. 5 Tls. 5	all	Tls. 158,166 Nil Tls. 660,000	Cr. Tls. 45,998 Dr. Tls. 496,213 Cr. Tls. 16,001	31.10.28 31.12.28 31.12.28	T. 75 cts. for 1928 Div. for 1928/1929, 2/6d. Interim of 1/6d. a/c. 1929/1930	April 5, 1928 Feb. 15, 1927 Dec. 12, 1929
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$13 1/4 b. & n. 13 1/4 1/2 sales	+ \$1.50	14 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000 \$10,000	\$7,321	31.12.29	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c. 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Jan. 6, 1930.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$6/3 nominal		5 1/2 %	\$43,000,000	860,000	\$50	\$50	\$6,354,165	\$237,604	31.12.28	Div. \$8 and bonus \$2 making \$10 for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929
Docks, Wharves & Godowns	\$145 buyers	+ \$1.00	5 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$400,000 \$400,000	\$360,063	31.12.28	Final div. of \$2 making \$4 for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$31 1/4 nominal		6 %	\$10,000,000	200,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,250,000 \$850,000	\$121,381	31.12.28	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for the year ending 30.4.29	July 27, 1928.
H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ltd.	Tls. 122 buyers	- T. 1.50	6 %	Tls. 2,785,000	40,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 600,000 Tls. 745,012 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 135,762	30.4.29	Tl. 0.40 for 1928 Div. 8/- on Preference shares	Mar. 15, 1929
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 7 1/4 buyers Tls. 4 1/2 buyers	+ T. 0.50	5 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	50,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	Tls. 688,938 Tls. 120,416 Tls. 450,000 Tls. 50,000 Tls. 678,000 Tls. 85,128.349	Tls. 54,379	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 11 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929
S'hai & H'kong Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 195 buyers		5 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 450,000 Tls. 50,000 Tls. 678,000 Tls. 85,128.349	Tls. 17,828	31.12.28	Final div. of \$0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1925
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	\$12.70 buyers \$12.80 sales		6 1/2 %	\$10,000,000	80,000	\$10	\$10	\$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$50,000 \$450,000 \$450,000 \$22,688	\$985,978	31.12.28	Final div. \$2 making \$4 for 1929	Pending
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$65 b. \$65 1/2 aa.		6 1/2 %	\$5,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$50,000 \$450,000 \$450,000 \$22,688	\$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making \$1 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$14.10 buyers	+ \$0.30	7 %	\$1,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 2,084,010 Tls. 500,000 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 602,303	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 9 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	July 31, 1929
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 200 buyers		5 1/2 %	Tls. 7,020,000	140,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 500,000 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 111,057	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 60 cents Interim of 80 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 12, 1929.
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$8 1/2 b. & sa.	+ \$0.10	6 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 2,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 204,769 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 488,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 4,960	31.12.28	Div. of Tls. 2 1/2 for Old, Tls. 1 1/4 for New for half year ending 31.10.29 Final call of Tls. 25 on new shares payable 20 Jan., 1930	Aug. 23, 1929 Nov. 25, 1929
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 16 1/4 buyers Tls. 112 nominal	+ T. 0.25	3 %	Tls. 5,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000	1,000,000 10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 204,769 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 488,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 228,325	31.10.29	Tl. 0.60 for year ending 30 June, 1929	Oct. 11, 1929
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) Tls. 85 b. (New) Tls. 54 n.		4 %	Tls. 4,000,000 Tls. 2,000,000	80,000 40,000	Tls. 50 Tls. 50	Tls. 50 Tls. 25	Tls. 800,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 10,304	30.6.29	Final 46 cts. making 70 cts. for year ending 30.9.29 Fin. div. of 80 cts. on Old, 77 cts. on Bonus and 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Dec. 23, 1929. April 27, 1925
Zoong Sing Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 10 nominal		6 %	Tls. 2,000,000	200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 10,304	30.6.29	Div. of \$1.25 for 1928	Mar. 4, 1929
Miscellaneous												
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$21 1/2 b. \$21 sa.		3 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	800,000	\$5	all	\$55,710	\$77,965	30.9.29	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.65 cts. on New shares for 1928	Mar. 17, 1926
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$5.30 b. \$5.35 sa.			\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	all	\$685,603	\$63,040	31.12.28	Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.28 Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old & 82 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Mar. 22, 1925 Feb. 26, 1925
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	\$20 1/2 b. \$20.60 sa.	+ \$0.50	0 %	\$1,500,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$50,000 \$50,000 \$110,000	\$25,236	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 for 1928	Mar. 4, 1929
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Comb.)	\$15 1/2 b. & sa.			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.65 cts. on New shares for 1928	Mar. 17, 1926
Do. (Old)	\$11 1/4 nominal	+ \$0.20		\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.28 Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old & 82 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Mar. 22, 1925
Do. (New)	\$9 1/2 buyers			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.65 cts. on New shares for 1928	Mar. 17, 1926
Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$71 b. \$70 1/2 sa.	-\$0.25	5 1/2 %	\$5,000,000	600,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,300,000	\$97,131	31.12.28	Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.28 Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old & 82 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Mar. 22, 1925
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$7 1/4 buyers			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	\$101,726	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 50 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 27, 1925
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.	\$18.80 b. \$18.90 sa		7 1/2 %	\$2,250,000	650,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$245,740	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 50 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 27, 1925
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$11 1/4 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$26,958	\$13,615	30.4.29	10% for year ended 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Do. (New)	\$6.05 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$26,958	\$13,615	30.4.29	10% for year ended 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$23 1/4 nominal		6 1/2 %	\$350,000	50,000	\$7	\$7	\$45,000 \$9,722 \$71,969 \$64,425	\$6,231	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c. 1928	Jan. 31, 1929
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ltd.	\$11.40 buyers	+ \$0.10	7 %	\$1,200,000	120,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	\$62,044	31.10.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ended 31.10.28	Mar. 28, 1929
William Powell, Limited	\$2 1/4 nominal		10 %	\$84,000	42,000	\$2	\$2	\$10,000	\$5,300	28.2.29	Dividend 25 cents for 28.2.29	June 10, 1929
Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	\$2.20 buyers			\$200,000	100,000	\$2	\$2	\$20,000	\$3,142	28.2.29	Div. 30 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	April 24, 1926
H.K. & C. On Ice Manu. Co., Ltd.	\$2.20 nominal			\$200,000	100,000	\$2	\$2	\$20,000	\$3,142	28.2.29	Div. 30 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	April 24, 1926
H.K. Eng. & Cons. Co., Ltd.	\$1.30 nominal			\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$16,011	31.12.28	Dividend of 6% for 1928	Feb. 21, 1929
China General Omnibus Co., Ltd.	Tls. 15 1/4 buyers		14 1/2 %	\$200,000	100,000	\$2	\$2	\$170,044 \$175,000 \$209,040	\$17,838	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 8% Interim of 4% a/c. 1929	July 24, 1929 Sept. 18, 1929
Hong Kong Amusement, Ltd.	\$28 buyers			\$5,000,000	100,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000	\$20,386	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 8% Interim of 4% a/c. 1929	July 24, 1929 Sept. 18, 1929
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.	\$9.55 b. & sa.			\$400,000	20,000	\$20	\$20	\$16,404	\$2,530	30.9.28	5% on Preference shares subject to Income Tax	Feb. 6, 1929
Singapore Tractor Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	10/- nominal			\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$15,500	28.2.29	\$4 for year ending 28.2.29	June 5, 1929
Do. (Pref.)	10/- nominal			\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	\$15,500	28.2.29	\$4 for year ending 28.2.29	June 5, 1929
Chinese Estates, Ltd.	\$98 sellers			\$3,000,000	30,000	\$100	\$100	\$150,000	\$345,465	28.2.29	First year	
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	Tls. 11 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	30,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10					
Do. (Pref.)	Tls. 10 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	30,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10					

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B. Investment Fluctuation Account.
C. Depreciation Fund.
D. Provision for Depreciation.
E. Contingency Reserve.
F. General Reserve.
G. Reserve for Contingencies.
H. Reserve for Depreciation.
I. Reserve for Contingencies.
J. Reserve for Depreciation.

K. Underwriting Account.
L. Legal Reserve Fund.
M. Reserve for Depreciation.
N. Reserve for Contingencies.
O. Reserve for Depreciation.
P. Reserve for Contingencies.
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R. Reserve for Contingencies.
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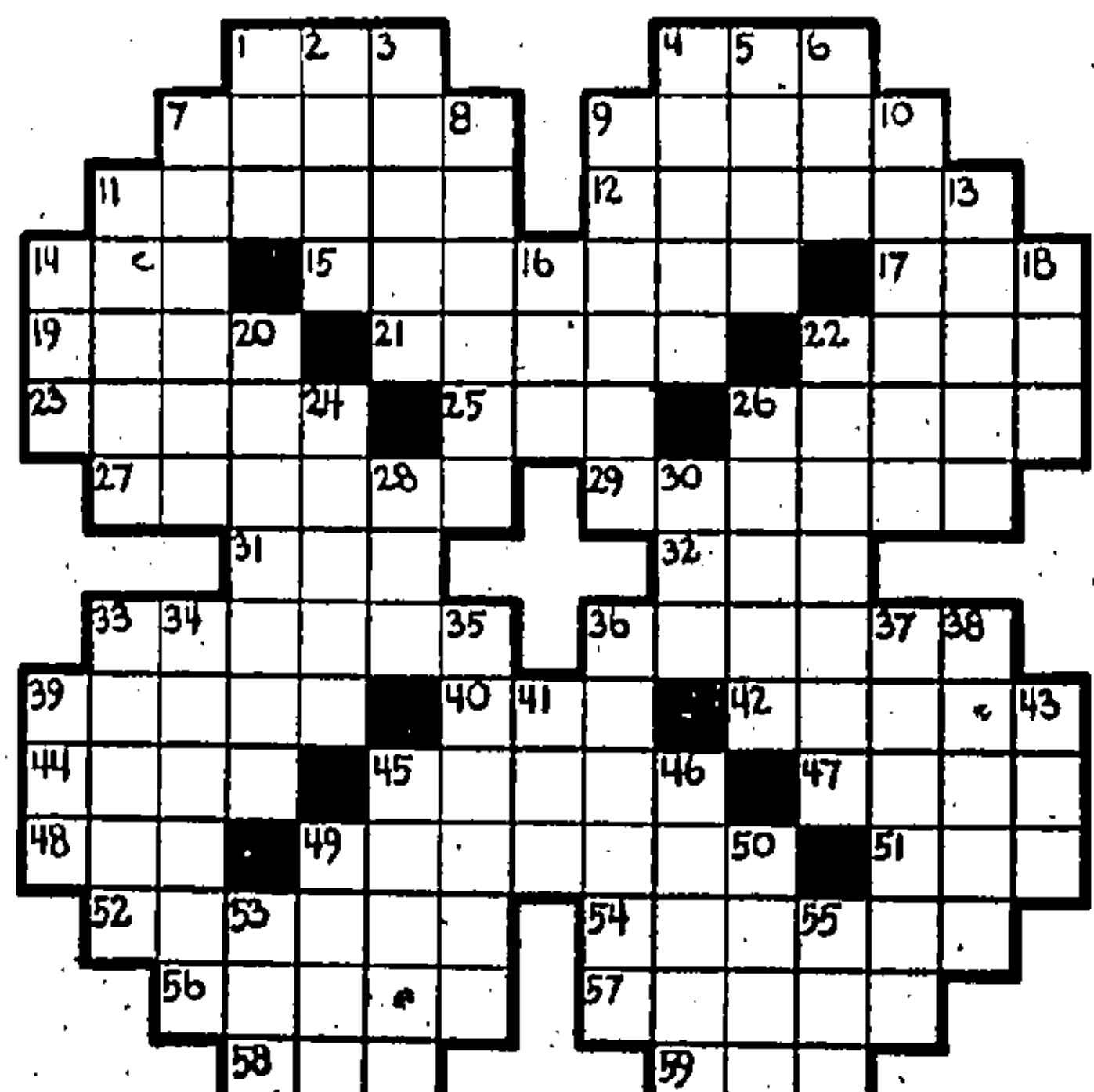
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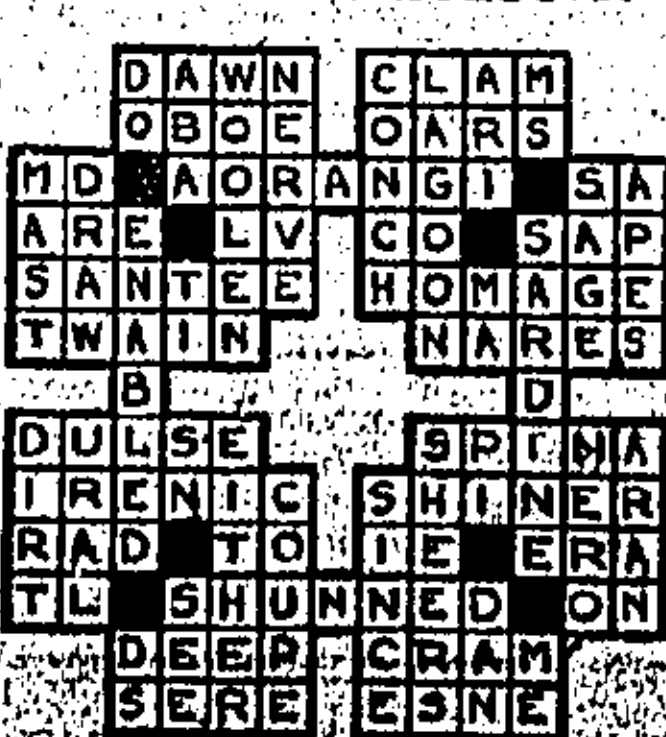
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Cut | 48-Bakery product | 20-Becomes mature |
| 4-Mine | 51-Unit with needle | 22-Encourage |
| 7-Litons to | 52-Thread | 24-Partaining to |
| 9-More unusual | 53-Horn | 25-Switzerland |
| 11-Uppermost room | 54-Brace, as a roof | 26-Demise |
| 12-Fireplaces (Scott.) | 55-Restrain | 28-Sooner than |
| 14-Bun | 56-Affirmative | 30-Species of deer |
| 15-Bridge | 57-Support | 33-Old name of |
| 17-Apt | | 34-Name of |
| 19-Those not in office | VERTICAL | 35-Mourn for |
| 21-In crafty manner | 1-Pronoun | 36-Cutting implement |
| 22-Ring of light | 2-Organ of hearing | 38-Fastened with large |
| 23-Places in difficulty | 3-Small bird (pt.) | 39-Fastened with large |
| 25-Point of compass | 4-Courageous | 40-Fastened with thick |
| 26-The Supreme Being | 5-Incise | 41-Portion of a circle |
| 27-Sliding box | 6-Middle Atlantic | 42-Modern |
| 28-Fears greatly | 7-Hangman's rope | 43-Newspaper and |
| 31-Title of respect | 8-Less fresh | 44-Periodical literature |
| 32-Boat propeller | 9-Pillaged | 45-Make even |
| 33-Shute | 10-Rewarding | 46-Hint |
| 35-Hunting dog | 11-Fruit shell used for | 47-Attempt |
| 36-Lends | 12-Seasons with | 48-Degree (abbr.) |
| 40-Chance | 13-Chloride of sodium | |
| 42-Long-legged bird | 14-Drunkard | |
| 44-Weapons | 15-Organ of locomotion | |
| 45-Danger | 16-Of a fish | |
| 47-Back of the neck | 18-Playing | |
| 48-Turn to right. | | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

MAIL REVIEWS

A Briton on the Americans

["The American Illusion," by C.
Owen; Ernest Benn, 10/6.]

Here we have yet another
Briton's impressions of the United
States. This book is rather more
outspoken than the works of other
British writers but not nearly so
damning towards the U.S.A. as are
the books of several American
authors. Mr. Owen seems to have
had a very good three months in
America where he was entertained
and shown round by the "Taipans".
We doubt greatly whether that
qualifies one to describe a nation
of one hundred and twenty millions
inhabiting three million square
miles of diversified territory. How-
ever, Mr. Owen seems to have
heard a lot, read a lot, and kept his
eyes open; and the result is that
we are presented with some in-
teresting descriptions, a host of
facts and figures, some pungent re-
marks, and a little theorising.

Perhaps the most powerful thing
about this uneven book is its
description and analysis of the
alarming amount of crime prevalent
in the United States. Such a state
of affairs is a terrible disgrace to
any country, and until the annual
number of its murders decrease by
95 per cent. America can hardly be
taken seriously when she preaches
sloppy idealism. A country with
over ten thousand murders a year,
where squeeze and municipal cor-
ruption are rife, where citizens are
unsafe in side streets and public
parks after dusk, should stop
spending money in sending mission-
aries to China and India, should
stop laying down the law to Cuba,
Haiti, and small republics until she
cleans up her own Augean stables.
It seems to us that America's
apaches are a much greater
menace than her negroes.

Mr. Owen is amusing but scarce-
ly original on the question of "pro-
hibition," and he spoils his effects
by harping too much on that string.
On the question of "Who won the
war" he is hysterical and school-
boyish. That is now (or should be)
ancient history. In any case, it
was never more than a figment of
imagination on the part of small
minds both inside and outside
America.

If Mr. Owen were to reside in
America for a year away from
plutocrats and not try to be clever
he would probably produce a good
book.

["Ur of the Chaldees," by C.
Leonard Woolley; Ernest Benn
Ltd. 7/6.]

Like the word Mesopotamia, Ur
of the Chaldees is a word Bible
readers a blessed expression. Yet
to 99 out of 100 it is a mere name
signifying something vague and far
away. To those, and to all interest-
ed in early history of archaeology,
this small volume should prove full
of interest. It gives a simple ac-
count of the romantic and histori-
cally important discoveries on the
site of the city from which Abra-
ham is supposed to have started his
wanderings.

The author, Mr. C. L. Woolley,
has done his work well. What most
scientists would have made dull
with technicalities he has made as
interesting as many a novel. Through
the medium of newspapers and
magazines most people have
heard of the excavations going on
at Ur, but few know the details of
the difficult and delicate nature of
the work. In this book we have a
racy resume of the more important
results achieved up to date.

We begin with the discovery
made last winter of material
evidence of a great flood, probably
the flood that gave rise to the Bible
story, when a considerable portion
of Southern Mesopotamia was in-
undated and thousands of the serfs
inhabiting the low lying regions
perished. Then come most interest-
ing descriptions of the remains of
a civilisation greatly antedating
that of the Chaldees—Royal Tombs, etc.,
the treasures of which have revolu-
tionised our ideas concerning the
origin of Western civilisation, and
seem to prove that the Sumerians
were a cultured people when the
Egyptians were emerging from the
Neolithic Age. The finds bring us
down to the relatively recent days
of Belshazzar and Cyrus the Per-
sian. Then the rest is silence.
Zoroastrianism and the shifting of
the river bed spelt the end of Ur,
the oldest known city on earth.

Few excavations have produced
in so short a time so continuous a
record of civilisation; and for some
periods the only evidence we
possess comes from the ruins of Ur.
This book, which is well illus-
trated, is marvellous value for 7/6.

["The Unexpected Legacy," by
E. R. Pashon; Ernest Benn,
Limited, London.]

A mystery story of 288 pages
opens rather haltingly but im-
proves as the tale unfolds. The
usual murder occurs and also, as
usual, the hero is suspected by the
police.

The chief characters, Allan
Marsh and the gloomy Police Ser-
geant, are not quite convincing.
The sergeant is gloomy only be-
cause he is said to be; he acts and
speaks in much the same manner
as any policeman of intelligence.
The most interesting character is
Mr. Beaman, a humorist who says
but little and is only referred to
twice or thrice in the whole 286
pages.

As a thriller the book falls a
little short, but it invites the at-
tention of the reader to the pos-
sible existence of two evils which,
if at all prevalent, constitute a
grave danger to any unwary mem-
ber of the community, and, for this
reason at least, the book is well
worth reading.

["The Courts of the Morning," by
John Buchan, Hodder and
Stoughton, 7/6d. net.]

After reading this enthralling
romance by Mr. Buchan, one may
be led to wonder why it is that he
has not a greater place in modern
letters. He has a charming and
an easy style, and a descriptive
touch that has few rivals among
his contemporaries; his character
studies, too, are neatly and econ-
omically sketched into a background
that is always alive with colour and



Ethel Mannin, popular British novel-
ist, scored the "new modern" who are
constantly searching for the uncon-
ventional. After a time, she asserts,
so many women do the unconventional
that it becomes conventional.

action. Yet one would hesitate to
say that his name will go down in
the annals of 19th Century fiction
as one of our representative writers.
In preparing a long list of
descriptive writers, from R. L.
Stevenson to Thomas Hardy and
Sheila Kay-Smith, one would not
include the name of Mr. Buchan.
And yet, apart from being the
author of two of the best books of
the century—"Witch Wood"
and "Huntingtower," he is also re-
cognised (even by that chary
nation) as being one of the most
graceful and poetic writers on
Scotland.

The secret of his failure to at-
tain popularity outside a loyal
circle of "Buchanites" may be
that the Scottish character and
scenery no longer captivate
Southern hearts as they did in the
days of the Walter Scott phase.

Whatever the reason, it is im-
possible (at least to the reviewer)
to read any one of his books with-
out a twinge of indignation that
this is so. One defect, if it be a
defect, is his seeming inability to
rise above the tune of the novel-
list and sing in a cadence that
touches the affairs of common
life. His characters are always
delightful people—even the villan-
ous ones—but they never possess
enough vitality of their own to
spring out of the pages and en-
tertain our imaginations long
after the book has been laid
aside.

In his latest novel "The Courts
of the Morning," Mr. Buchan
again gives us a story of pure
adventure of the same type as his
"Prester John." The book opens



John Buchan, well-known writer, has been
served with papers for services by her husband,
William, C.B., author and diplomat, in which
he charges her with "moral delinquency."

JAPAN TO-DAY

An Indispensable Guide for Foreigners

Present-Day Japan, the annual
English supplement of the Osaka
and Tokyo Asahi, which first saw
the light in 1925, is gradually gain-
ing an important position among
publications treating of things
Japanese as one of the most valu-
able guides to foreign students of
the Japanese Empire.

Present-Day Japan for 1929 bears
the subtitle, "Overseas Trade Num-
ber." This title is due to the fact
that in the economic section of the
supplement considerable space is
devoted this year to present condi-
tions in the overseas trade of Japan.
This work, in our opinion, is a very
useful source of information on de-
tails of the conditions of Japan's
overseas trade.

The journal contains nearly 150
pages of letterpress besides four
superb-coloured plates. The tenor
of the articles may be judged from
some of the following headings:
"Commerce: a Guarantee of Peace";
"Duke of Gloucester as the Garter
Envoy"; "The Cherry Blossom";
"The Osaka Asahi and Its Jubilee
Celebration"; "Political and
Social"; "International"; "Art
Music, and Literature"; "Sports
and Recreations"; and "Intimate
Japan." There is also a valuable
"Economic and Financial Section"
replete with information.

In the familiar, park-like scenery
of the Border country, but moves
swiftly to the arid wastes or
mountainous jungles of the South
Americas, where the author
proves himself to be equally at
home.

The chief figures are Sandy
Arbuthnot, now Lord Glenrochy,
and Mr. John S. Blenkinsop, both
of whom appear in "Green-
mantle." The scene is laid in a
South American republic which is
brought by accident into inter-
national politics. The story tells
how the ambition of a great man,
which might have played havoc
with the peace of the world, is
frustrated by a new kind of war.
Many of Mr. Buchan's familiar
characters appear, and inter-
woven with the scheme of adven-
ture is Sandy's love story.

The description of the copper
mines of the Gran Seco, the
"poison country" beyond the
Golden Gate, the vast seas of un-
charted jungle, is impressive
and never wearisome. Mr. Buchan
can use rich colours without let-
ting them run; he has a daring
pen that, wielded by others, might
be in danger of running away
with itself. One grows to love
the country and the British ad-
venturers who succeed within its
borders in one of the strangest
guerrilla conquests in history.
The weak point in Mr. Buchan's
tale is his explanation (or lack
of explanation) of the inter-
national designs of Castor, the
Governor of the Province, whom
a charming, but unpretentious
young Englishwoman changes
from a Napoleon to a wistful sen-
timentalist. Castor's grand dream
(which is really the crux of the
whole tale) is vague and unintel-
ligible, and renders the war waged
by respectable members of
English society a little ridiculous
and incredible, in spite of all the
paraphernalia and tactics of
modern warfare. The little
"dust up" is a well-written piece
of military fiction and the "cam-
paign" displayed both strategy
and skill. Of course, when a
novelist wages war, the geography
of the country shapes itself to
his ends, and he is always sure
of the result. But there is good
fun to be had from the reading
of this book, which is by no means
the least successful product of Mr.
Buchan's genius.

—R. S.

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PEASANT BOY GENIUS

A remarkable manuscript of deep
human interest—the disclosure of a
dramatic incident in the life of a
famous novelist—came into the
possession of the "Daily Express"
recently.

It is from the pen of Miss Dora
Christie-Murray, daughter of the
late David Christie-Murray, and it
was accompanied by the statement
that the writer had been inspired
to place the facts on record after
reading the accounts of the trial
of Richard Corbett for the murder
of his mother, whom he killed, he
said, because she suffered from an
incurable disease.

Miss Christie-Murray states that,
many years ago, her father adopted
the son of a Belgian peasant, and
deliberately poisoned him when he
lay in shrieking agony a few days
before his inevitable end.

"When my father was a young
man, travelling in the Belgian
Ardennes he came across a cottage
tucked away from civilization, in-
habited by an old couple and their
son," the manuscript says.

"The parents were of typical
peasant class—heavy and loutish,
their backs bowed with work,
neither expecting nor hoping for
anything beyond their lives of daily
toil. But the sixteen-year-old son,
a bright, flame-like spirit, was a
changeling to their dull eyes.

A Rural Genius
"Without any book-learning he
was a genius. Untutored, he had
the knowledge with which all
artists are born and above all he
had the great, sorrowful gift of
music."

"But all his beauty of soul was
imprisoned in a sickly body that
found work, of even the lightest
kind, impossible. The parents,
irritated by his helplessness and
frightened by his alien ways, found
him a burden, a useless clog on
their own dull, stupid, lives, and
the boy in turn was bewildered by
his parents' lack of understanding
and sympathy.

"My father, naturally attracted
by the boy, approached the parents
with a view to adopting him, and
was met with open armed en-
thusiasm. To cut a long story
short, he finally took the boy away,
realized that his artistic should
find its own level."

Incurable Disease
The boy—let us call him Henri—

lived for a few months in heaven,
but the sickness of his early life
turned to an incurable disease, and,
in spite of all the loving care my
father gave him, he became feebler
and feebler and at last bed-ridden.
All his days and nights, and finally
all his minutes, were one protracted
agony that not even the most
powerful drugs could assuage.

Finally the time came when it
was only a question of days before
the end—and such days. Such
moments of pain, such helpless, shrik-
ing agony, that my father could
hardly bear to stand by the bed-
side.

Finally one day he turned to the
doctor, almost frantic with his in-
ability to do anything and said
"For God's sake, man, do some-
thing! I cannot bear to see this
going on any longer."

The doctor looked at him strange-
ly for a moment, then picked up a
small bottle which he handed him.

"When I am gone, monsieur," he
said, "and the pain becomes very
acute, you may give Henri three
drops of this medicine—just three
drops, remember; more would be
fatal."

"Three Drops Only"
My father said: "You mean—?"
"Three drops only; more would be
fatal," repeated the doctor.

"Thank you," said my father, and
the doctor left the room.

As he turned to where the boy
was lying, exhausted after his last
paroxysm of pain, Henri opened his
eyes and said faintly: "I can't bear
it, sir. Help me!"

My father, gentle as a woman,
went down on his knees and lifted
the boy's head in his arms.

"My boy," he said "you have only
a few more days to live, and they
will be full of pain and agony. I
have something here that might
help to relieve the pain a little, and
if I give it to you, you will go to
sleep and never wake up again.
Will you take it?"

"I'll take anything from your
hands," said the boy.

So, with hands that never falt-
ered, my father poured out the
overdose and held it to the boy's
lips, and the boy drank it trustfully,
then settled down with a smile of
unutterable peace and just whis-
pered, "God bless you, sir."

And so fell asleep, and sleeping,
died.

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Tijmanock, Genzan Maru, Canton, Chusan, Kohatsu Maru, Yamagata Maru, Nellore, and Bustamante.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	
Amoy	SUNDAY, JANUARY 26.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, December 26, 1929)	Tijmanock	
Manila	Lyons Maru	
	President McKinley	
Shanghai and Swatow	MONDAY JANUARY 27.	
Straits	Linan	
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, Dec. 26, 1929 and Parcels, Dec. 19, 1929)	Takliwa	
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Jan. 3), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Kashmir	
	President Jefferson	
Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.	
Japan	Sphinx	
Japan	Nellore	
Calcutta and Straits	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29.	
	Namsang	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	
Fort Bayard	SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.	
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Taipeisek	2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Manila	Telemachus	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	President Adams	5 p.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hilda	5 p.m.
	Madras Maru	5 p.m.
Shanghai	SUNDAY, JANUARY 26.	
Hohow	Taiyuan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Nam Peng	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
	Kiangsu	9 a.m.
Japan, South American Ports & Europe via Siberia	MONDAY, JANUARY 27.	
Swatow	Bokuyo Maru	10.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco	Canton	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President McKinley	
	(Due San Francisco, Feb. 19.)	
	Parcels	Jan. 27, 3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	President McKinley	
	Registration	Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Swatow	Kiangsu	5 p.m.
	Swatow	5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only

CAPTAIN GOES DOWN WITH HIS SHIP

FATE OF GERMAN LINER IN STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

CREW'S NARROW ESCAPE

New York, Yesterday.
A message from Buenos Aires states that the Monte Cervantes sank last night. Captain Dreyer went down with his ship, and the skeleton crew left aboard narrowly escaped. Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Cables
Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
Anxiety is felt with regard to the position of the sixteen hundred passengers and crew of the German liner Monte Cervantes, which struck a rock near Tierra-del-Fuego, in the Straits of Magellan on Wednesday.

The Monte Cervantes was badly holed and the bows quickly submerged. The passengers and crew were put ashore at Ushuaia, a prison colony containing the most notorious prisoners from Argentine. Ushuaia has very few buildings and no proper accommodation for so many people.

The liner Monte Sarmiento is proceeding to Ushuaia to take off the stranded persons, but she only has accommodation for six-hundred persons.

Pleasant People to Meet!
The death penalty is non-existent in Argentina and the worst malefactors are sent to Ushuaia. Its inhabitants include the high minded anarchist who, in 1909 bombed and killed the Chief of the Buenos Aires police, and another is a German gentleman convicted of killing and quartering one of his friends!

Later.
The Monte Cervantes is reported to be a total loss.—Reuter.

BAN ON "POLLY"

Washington, Yesterday.
President Hoover has issued a proclamation prohibiting the importation of parrots from South America owing to recent outbreaks of psittacosis in the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

FLIGHT TO INDIA

Second Attempt by Young Student

PRIZE OF £500

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mah Mohan Singh, the young Indian who recently made an unsuccessful attempt to fly from England to India to win the prize of £500 offered by the Aga Khan to the first Indian doing the journey in 1930, started on another attempt to-day. He left Lympne Aerodrome shortly before one o'clock this afternoon.—British Wireless Service.

"DRIZZLE OR MIST"

"N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, some drizzle or mist," is the forecast for Hong Kong and the adjacent coast until noon to-morrow. That for Formosa Channel is "N.E. winds, fresh."

At 10.52 a.m. to-day the Royal Observatory reported:—The anti-cyclone central to the N. of the Lower Yangtze Valley has weakened slightly. The typhoon now appears to be about 150 miles N. of Pellow, moving W.N.W. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

NEWS FROM NORTH

Events on the Tientsin-Pukow Line

Shanghai, Wednesday.
General Han Fu-kui wired on the 21st to President Chiang, stating that if the arrears due to Shih Yu-san's troops be liquidated, they will move to any appointed place as ordered.

Through the mediation of Generals Ho Ching-chun and Liu Chen-hua, Shih Yu-san's troops are prepared to leave Pengpu for Shantung Province. Acting upon the instructions of

CHILD ADOPTION ABUSES

LADY SIMON AGAIN ON THE WAR PATH

"TERRIBLE CASES"

London, Yesterday.
Lady Simon in a speech at Wellington, made reference to her speech cabled on January 16. She emphasised that she had always distinguished between open and avowed slavery, such as existed in Arabia and Abyssinia, and abuses arising from the system of child adoption for domestic purposes.

The latter might not amount to slavery, but might involve serfdom and sometimes led to cruelty as revolting as anything in the history of slavery.

While many Ceylonese and Chinese households doubtless treated adopted children kindly, it was impossible to deny, in face of published reports, that there were terrible cases of maltreatment, and stronger measures must be taken stop these dreadful crimes!—Reuter.

The Central Government, General Ma Fu-cheung has assigned the Honan area and the north of Anhwei for the quartering of Shih Yu-san's troops.

The Mohammedan General Ma Fu-cheung has wired to the President that Generals Han Fu-kui and Shih Yu-san will hereafter support the Central Government.

The Tientsin Municipal Authorities have received instructions from the President that all National forces stationed there are to be under the direct control of the Mohammedan General. Vice-Generalissimo's H.Q.

Shanghai, Wednesday.
General Yen Hsi-shan has delegated officers to Peking to organise the Vice-Generalissimo's headquarters.

Kuomintang
Shanghai, Wednesday.
General Lu Chung-lin will proceed on January 24 to Taiyuan, in order to interview General Yen Hsi-shan in regard to the settlement of the Kuomintang military expenses.—Canton News Agency.

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